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| TITLE OF CASE<br><b>NICHOLAS BRAVOS, aka; GEORGE BRAVOS; DAVID YARAS, A-1 Industrial Uniform Company, Inc. 1217 N. Oakley, Chicago, Illinois</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></div> | TYPED BY<br><b>ptc</b>                          |
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ENCLOSURES

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Two (2) copies of a memorandum characterizing informants.

LEADS

DETROIT

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN. Will interview SAM SCHUMER at the Maid-Rite Garment Manufacturing Company, 1025 Brush Street, concerning his knowledge of  DAVID YARAS, NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS, and  of Florida. The interview should determine

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the length of time he has known these individuals; his business and social relationship with each; his knowledge of their criminal background; the specific business connections he has with A-1 Industrial Uniform Company, and the Klene Linen and Towel Supply Company, and any other enterprise in which these individuals are associated. In addition, determine his willingness to cooperate in this matter.

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Will recontact [ ] for additional information concerning firms which are under pressure from A-1.

2. Will attempt to determine if any interests in A-1 are held by [ ] and [ ].

INFORMANTS

Source

CG T-1 is [ ]

CG T-2 is [ ]

Contacting Agent

SA [ ]

SA WILLIAM H. MEINCKE

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## Report of:

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Office: Chicago

## Date:

March 10, 1964

## Field Office File #:

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## Title:

NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS; DAVID YARAS,  
A-1 Industrial Uniform Company, Inc.  
1217 N. Oakley, Chicago, Illinois

## Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

Informant advised that creditors are closing in on A-1 Industrial Uniform Co. and GEORGE BRAVOS is worried. An informant advised that DAVID YARAS is frequently in Chicago because he has an interest in A-1. Newspaper articles exposing the interest of BRAVOS and YARAS in A-1 are set forth as well as articles exposing other interests of the BRAVOS brothers. Past contacts of A-1 identified and set forth including contacts with Illinois gamblers. Contacts noted with SAM SCHUMER of Detroit by GEORGE BRAVOS and [REDACTED] of Chicago and Klene Linen and Towel Supply Co. of Florida. Link between A-1, YARAS and [REDACTED] set forth.

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## DETAILS:

I. A-1 INDUSTRIAL UNIFORM COMPANYA. Operations

CG T-1 advised on November 8, 1963, that he had learned that creditors are closing in on A-1 Industrial Uniform Company, and GEORGE BRAVOS is worried about the creditors. CG T-1 advised that the BRAVOS brothers are operating A-1 Industrial Uniform Company in the same manner that they operated another laundry in Florida, and that soon they intend to sell A-1 Industrial Uniform Company.

CG T-2 advised on November 13, and 14, 1963, that DAVID YARAS spends much of his time in Miami, Florida, but he continues to be active as a partner of [redacted] and shares in the proceeds from gambling, particularly among Jewish enterprizes on the north side of Chicago. According to CG T-2, YARAS comes to Chicago frequently because he has an interest in the A-1 Industrial Uniform Company, and he has one of his sons managing this company while the other son operates as a salesman for a foreign car distributor.

According to an article which appeared in the "Chicago Daily News", Red Dart Edition, on February 7, 1964, captioned, "...And Here Are Hood-Linked Firms", one of the business firms in Chicago which has been penetrated by the Syndicate is the A-1 Industrial Uniform Company, 77 West Washington Street which was incorporated on August 9, 1962, to rent linens and uniforms. According to the article, one of the directors and the secretary-treasurer of the company is DAVE YARAS, age 50, once indicted for murder of race wire king JAMES RAGEN. The president of the firm is the west side bookie boss, GEORGE BRAVOS, and [redacted] intelligence unit policemen have seen a number of other Syndicate members at the firm's other address, 1217 North Oakley. The article continues by mentioning other firms which have been penetrated

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by the Syndicate and furnishes the names of the officers of some of them. Included are:

L&M Disposal Company, 221 North LaSalle, a scavenger firm having two Syndicate members as salesmen, namely GEORGE BRAVOS and [REDACTED]

Roth-Adams Fuel Company, 1509 West Cortland, one of whose salesmen is NICK BRAVOS, age 50, a \$1,000 a month salesman. When asked what BRAVOS does, [REDACTED] Firm President, said, "None of your business". BRAVOS served seven years in prison for bank robbery and is a west side bookmaker for the Syndicate. Both he and his brother GEORGE, also a bookmaker, used Roth-Adams Company cars according to the Chicago Police Department.

B. NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS

The following article appeared in the "Chicago Daily News", Red Streak Edition, dated November 5, 1963:

"Hood Firm Offers Cut-Rate Garbage Pickup"

"By JACK WILLNER

"A new hoodlum scavenger firm whose star salesman is crime syndicate bookmaker GEORGE (The Greek) BRAVOS, 48, has begun signing up customers on the Near North Side.

"Bravos is offering new customers rates from 25 to 50 per cent below those of competitors, according to the Police intelligence unit.

"The new concern, L & M Disposal Co., has offices at 221 N. La Salle.

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"The office lease was signed by WILLIAM MC GUIRE, 40, of 1419 W. Garfield Blvd., a former Chicago policeman, and BERNARD LIEBLING, 54, a former downtown Chicago restaurant operator, police said.

"Other scavenger operators have told police they fear the new firm may try to take over the bulk of the scavenger business here through use of muscle.

"Police said that so far they have had no reports BRAVOS has used threats or terror tactics in his sales work.

"The intelligence unit said L & M is apparently an outgrowth of the merger of West Suburban Scavenger Service and Consolidated Scavenger Service Co.

"West Suburban in 1960 engaged in a bitter fight with the Chicago and Suburban Refuse Disposal Assn.; which charged the firm was using hoodlums to steal customers away.

"Police said some Near North Side businessmen reported that they had been solicited by ISADORE (IZZY) SCARAMUZZO on behalf of L & M, rather than BRAVOS. In 1961, SCARAMUZZO was a salesman for Consolidated, police said.

"L & M now uses pickup trucks formerly operated by Consolidated and parks them in a former Consolidated garage at 4548 S. McDowell, police said.

"BRAVOS has a brother, NICK BRAVOS, who is a syndicate bookmaker for the Loop and West Side.

"MC GUIRE was identified in U.S. Senate rackets committee testimony in 1959 as a partner of hoodlum CHARLES (CHUCK) ENGLISH in jukebox racketeering. MC GUIRE left the police force in 1951.

"LIEBLING, of 1302 Central, Wilmette, was involved in a Traffic Court hassle last March, when he was accused of trying to bribe a court clerk and of carrying away 20 traffic tickets without permission."

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On November 6, 1963, a follow up article appeared in the "Chicago Daily News", Red Streak Edition, which is as follows:

**"Hoodlum Firm Has Garbage Pickup Contract  
with Jewish Federation Here"**

"By JACK WILLNER

"A new hoodlum scavenger service that drove its trucks through union picket lines when another scavenger wouldn't, won a contract with the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

"L & M Disposal Co. is now serving seven institutions that receive support from the federation, including Michael Reese and Mount Sinai hospitals.

"BERNARD BERNBERG, federation purchasing agent, said the federation's central purchasing office turned to L & M last spring during a labor dispute at the Park View Home for the Aged, 1401 N. California.

"The former scavenger refused to cross picket lines thrown up by Local 4, Building Service Employees International Union, he said.

"BERNBERG said he obtained an order from the Board of Health directing that the garbage be removed, but the former scavenger still would not cross picket lines.

"One of the federation's directors then suggested calling L & M, BERNBERG recalled.

"He said he talked to BERNARD LIEBLING, 54, a former downtown Chicago restaurant operator and one of two men who signed a lease for the firm's office space at 211 N. La Salle.

"LIEBLING told me, 'We'll go in (cross picket lines),'

BERNBERG said. " 'Believe it or not, they pulled right in almost then and there.

" 'We felt we owed them (L & M) a favor because of what they had done for us, " ' , BERNBERG added. The one-year contract to serve the seven institutions was the result, he said.

"BERNBERG said the federation is saving " 'thousands of dollars ' " a year under the contract. " ' I think they (L & M) have done the city a service, ' " , he added.

"Meanwhile License Court Judge HARRY A. ISEBERG continued for the fourth time a hearing on a motion to vacate a \$420 fine against L & M. He set the new hearing for Monday, Nov. 18.

"Crime syndicate bookmaker GEORGE (The Greek) BRAVOS, 48, is L & M's star salesman, and has been signing up customers on the Near North Side.

"The police intelligence unit is closely watching the operations of the new firm, which is offering customers rates from 25 to 50 per cent below those competitors.

"The other signer of the firm's office lease was WILLIAM MC GUIRE, 40, of 1419 W. Garfield Blvd., a former Chicago policeman.

"In addition to the two hospitals and Park View, the other four agencies being served by L & M are Winfield Tuberculosis Service, 508 E. 29th St.; Drexel Home Inc., 6140 S. Drexel; Resthaven Rehabilitation Center, 1409 S. California, and the Orthodox Jewish Home for the Aged, 1648 S. Albany."

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C. DAVID YARAS

CG T-1 advised on December 13, 1963, that DAVID YARAS, a hoodlum who spends most of his time in Miami, Florida and who is associated with A-1 Industrial Uniform Company which is operated by his son and the BRAVOS brothers, appeared in Chicago on December 12, 1963. YARAS spent sometime at the H & H Restaurant in the Chicago Loop, which is a hangout for numerous Chicago area hoodlums. CG T-1 advised that YARAS was scheduled to leave for Florida on December 14, 1963.

II. PAST CONTACTS OF A-1 INDUSTRIAL UNIFORM COMPANY

Investigation has determined that contacts were made during 1963, with the following companies:

Our Flowers Florist Shop  
Wauconda, Illinois



The Flower Car  
Harvard, Illinois



Fox Lake Plant,  
Chain of Lakes  
Ready-Mixed Concrete Company

In addition, contacts were made with individuals having telephone numbers [redacted] in Mc Henry, Illinois and [redacted] and [redacted] in Antioch, Illinois.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [redacted]

On January 30, 1964, Chief of Police JOHN KUESTER, Wauconda, Illinois, advised that Our Flowers Floral Shop, located in the shopping plaza at Route 176, is [redacted] of a very prominent and long time Wauconda family. None has ever been involved in anything of a gambling nature and the brother of [redacted] is on the village board.

On January 30, 1964, [redacted] advised he operated a retail florist shop at this address. He has no idea of the identity of subjects. He has never bet on horse races or other events and knows of no employee, past or present, who has. He said he has no idea why they would be in contact with his shop unless it was with regard to flowers.

On January 30, 1964, Chief of Police JOHN MATIJEVICH, North Chicago, Illinois, advised that [redacted] a tavern at 1119 10th Street. [redacted] long time local bookie, used this tavern as a headquarters until October, 1963, when they raided the tavern and arrested [redacted] and [redacted]. Both were uncooperative.

Chief MATIJEVICH advised [redacted] is a Negro bookie whose present whereabouts is unknown; that he has been out of business in North Chicago for many months.

On February 3, 1964, [redacted] advised that she and her husband formerly operated the Flower Car, Floral shop at Harvard, Illinois, and still operate a wholesale hot house. She said neither she nor her husband bet on horses and do not know any of subjects. The only thing she can suggest is that they used to lease a commercial mop which they got and was serviced by some place in Chicago which had "industrial" in its name.

On January 31, 1964, [redacted] Fox Lake Plant, Chain of Lakes Ready-Mix Co., advised as follows:

This company is a subsidiary of the Evanston Fuel and Material Company. They have pits and or Ready Mix concrete establishments here as well as south of Fox Lake, Libertyville, and Volo, Illinois. He does not know subject; however, would suggest the following:

The Evanston Fuel and Material Company, Evanston, Illinois, has been [redacted] family of Evanston for many years. On the death of the father, son [redacted] assumed control. He spent most of his time and apparently all of his money betting on horses and apparently did so until about six months ago. At this time son [redacted] took control of the operation and is believed to have [redacted] on an allowance so he cannot bet away all he has. [redacted] works at the pit of Ready Mix Company on Route 134, at Route 12, south of Fox Lake, but has spent time at the other pits and has received phone calls which he, [redacted] considers unusual in that the caller does not identify himself. [redacted] resides in the family house at Long Lake, west of Round Lake, Illinois.

Chief of Police RICHARD LEMLER, Mc Henry, advised 385-3536 is listed to Ready Mix, Volo, Illinois.

On December 27, 1963, Sheriff [redacted] Lake County, Waukegan, Illinois, advised that Antioch 395-1121 was listed until July 3, 1963, to [redacted]

It is noted that [redacted] is a life-time bookie.

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Sheriff [ ] advised 395-2201 is listed to JOHN WEISS, proprietor of Sequoit Harbor, Channel Lake, R. R., Antioch. He said WEISS has retired from slot machine operations for many years, but may well be a bettor or handle some bets for friends. WEISS is close to [ ]

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[redacted] of the Jet Car Wash, 55th Street and Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he had used the towel service of A-1 Industrial Laundries for a period of approximately two years.

[redacted] stated that three weeks ago his manager entered an agreement with the driver of an A-1 Industrial Service truck for the rentals of uniforms for gasoline attendants at this establishment. [redacted] stated that A-1 was slow in furnishing the uniforms and that a weekly billing was started immediately for the use of the uniforms before any had, in fact, been delivered. As a result of the delay, [redacted] called GEORGE BRAVOS of A-1 Industrial Service and told him to pick up the uniforms and to discontinue the towel service. Subsequently, GEORGE BRAVOS called [redacted] regarding the bill for use of the gasoline attendants uniforms and mentioned past due payments for A-1 Towel Service and indicated that [redacted] was immediately responsible for the full payment of all these bills.

[redacted] stated that there was a balance owed A-1 Industrial for coveralls which he, [redacted] had agreed to pay for a year and a half ago. These coveralls were used in the car wash operation. [redacted] stated that no effort had been made on the part of A-1 to collect the prior bill for the coveralls and that BRAVOS was now insisting on full payment for everything, including the prior sale of the coveralls, which had never been delinquent, and a payment for gas attendants uniforms and service which had never been rendered.

[redacted] stated that he expected to have a meeting with GEORGE BRAVOS in an attempt to iron out these difficulties and if he experienced any pressure for the payment of services not rendered, he would immediately notify the Chicago Office of the FBI.

On 2/19/64 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 92-1297

by SA [redacted] es/ptc Date dictated 2/24/64

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Investigation at Miami, Florida during 1963, determined that in July, August, and September several telephone calls were made from the Klene Linen and Towel Supply Company of Miami to A-1 Industrial Uniform Company in Chicago. [ ] is a well known Miami Beach bookmaker, who is frequently observed at the Klene Linen and Towel Supply Company, in which he reportedly has an interest.

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### III. CONTACTS WITH SAM SCHUMER

CG T-1 advised in March of 1963, that GEORGE BRAVOS had recently received a telephone call from an individual in Detroit named SAM SCHUMER, Telephone Number 961-9850.

Investigation at Detroit determined that the above telephone number was listed to the Maid-Rite Garment Manufacturing Company, 1025 Brush Street, Detroit, Michigan. This company manufactures women's uniforms and is a jobber for men's uniforms. The officers of the corporation are SAMUEL SCHUMER, President and Treasurer; [ ]  
[ ]

In 1958, during an investigation of Chicago hoodlum [ ] it was determined that [ ] was in contact with [ ] and SAM SCHUMAN at Telephone Number LI 7-7235 in Royal Oak, Michigan. Investigation at Detroit subsequently determined that Telephone Number LI 7-7235 was listed to SAM SCHUMER, 21901 Marlowe, Oak Park, Michigan, and that SCHUMER was self-employed at Maid-Rite Garment Manufacturing Company, 1010 Beaudien, Detroit, Michigan. Co-owner of the Maid-Rite Garment Manufacturing Company was [ ]  
[ ], and it was determined that SAM's wife's name was [ ]  
[ ]

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The Maid-Rite Garment Manufacturing Company was purchased by SAM SCHUMER in June, 1955, and in July, 1956, JOSEPH entered as a partner. SAM SCHUMER was born in 1908, and between 1928 and 1936, was employed as the manager of the men's apparel department of Goldblatt Brothers, Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois. In October of 1936, SCHUMER moved to Detroit and opened a men's clothing store.

During investigation of the activities of LEONARD PATRICK, in August of 1963, it was determined that PATRICK was in contact with Mrs. SCHUMER, Telephone Number 726-2491, Royal Oak, Michigan.

During the investigation of [ ] at Miami, previously mentioned in this report, it was determined that contact was made between the Klene Linen and Towel Supply Company and SAM SCHUMER, Telephone Number 961-9850, Detroit, Michigan in July of 1963.

#### IV. CONTACT BETWEEN DAVID YARAS AND LEONARD PATRICK

On July 17, 1963, a woman who identified herself as DAVID YARAS' mother-in-law at the residence of DAVID YARAS, 4100 Adams Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, advised SA [ ] that YARAS and his family were in Chicago for at least a week. She stated that YARAS could be reached in care of "RONNIE", Telephone Number RO 1-1699, or "LENNIE", Telephone Number AR 6-2313.

According to the Public Service Records of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Telephone Number AR 6-2313 is listed to the Midwest Staple Company, 3940 West Chicago Avenue, however, it should be noted that Telephone Number AR 6-2373 is listed to the A-1 Industrial Uniform Company which is operated by one of DAVE YARAS' sons. Telephone Number RO 1- 1699 is listed to [ ]

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On February 14, 1964, SA [redacted] observed [redacted] wife of [redacted] enter a 1963 blue two-door Pontiac, bearing Illinois License HD 4632. The car was driven by a woman subsequently identified as [redacted]. The two women were observed shopping together and later picking up [redacted] small children from a neighborhood school. In January of 1964, SA [redacted] had previously observed [redacted] at the home of [redacted] on another occasion.



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                  DAVID YARAS; A-1 Industrial  
                  Uniform Company, Inc., 1217 North  
                  Oakley, Chicago, Illinois

Character       ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference       Report of Special Agent [redacted]  
                  [redacted] dated and captioned as  
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March 10, 1964

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is an individual whose activities bring him into close contact with the Chicago crime syndicate members.

CG T-2 is an individual who has knowledge of the activities of several Chicago area hoodlums.

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ENCLOSURESTO BUREAU

Two (2) copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants.

LEADSCHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow the activities of NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS in the A-1 Industrial Laundry for evidence of "muscle" being used to secure or keep stops.

Contact informants and sources concerning possible sale of A-1.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The period of this report exceeds 90 days because the agent to whom this case is assigned worked exclusively on the case "UNSUB; [REDACTED] VICTIM, KIDNAPING" from 4/27 to 6/5/64.

INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is [REDACTED] contacted by  
SA [REDACTED]

CG T-2 is PCI [REDACTED] contacted by  
SA [REDACTED]

CG T-3 is [REDACTED] contacted by SAs WILLIAM A.  
MEINCKE and [REDACTED]

CG T-4 is [REDACTED] contacted by [REDACTED]

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Title:

NICHOLAS BRAVOS; GEORGE BRAVOS; DAVID YARAS,  
A-1 INDUSTRIAL UNIFORM COMPANY, INC.

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Informant advised that NICHOLAS and GEORGE BRAVOS show employment at the Old Brown Laundry, but it is merely a "front" to cover their income from a bookmaking operation; the BRAVOS brothers and DAVID YARAS own the Old Brown Laundry. Informant advised in March, 1964, that A-1 Industrial Uniform Laundry is making \$15,000 a week and is worth over one half million dollars. Informant advised that the BRAVOS brothers are attempting to sell A-1 and want to get out of the business. Informant advised in April, 1964, that GEORGE BRAVOS anticipates selling A-1 in three weeks for one half million dollars to an industrial linen company. Past legal and illegal activities of NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS and DAVID YARAS set forth.

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DETAILS:

I. OPERATIONS

CG T-1 advised in February, 1964, that NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS show employment by Old Brown Laundry which they operate, but same is merely a "front" in order to cover their income from a bookmaking operation which is headquartered in a pool room at the corner of Chicago and Western Avenues. CG T-1 further advised that NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS are active in "juice" operations.

On April 24, 1964, CG T-1 advised that Local 46 of the Laundry Workers Union cooperates with the BRAVOS brothers at the Old Brown Laundry, in an agreement that the union will not attempt to organize any of their employees. CG T-1 advised that the Old Brown Laundry is owned by the BRAVOS brothers and DAVID YARAS, a Miami hoodlum whose late brother whose name is not known to CG T-1, was formerly the boss of a criminal organization in Dallas, Texas.

CG T-2 advised on March 3, 1964, that A-1 Industrial Laundry is making \$15,000 a week on its stops and is worth over one half million dollars. CG T-2 advised that attempts are being made to sell the company because the BRAVOS brothers want to get out of the business and intend to get out whether the company is sold or not.

CG T-2 stated that the BRAVOS brothers handle the linen part of the business and the industrial uniform part is handled by someone else, possibly DAVID YARAS. CG T-2 stated that a number of customers are not satisfied with the linen or uniform service of A-1, but won't quit because they are afraid of the BRAVOS brothers and YARAS.

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CG T-2 also advised that A-1 recent began supplying linen and uniform service to the Imperial Inn, a large account and this account was forced by one of the stockholders of the Imperial Inn who is a partner in A-1.

CG T-2 advised on March 5, 1964 that A-1 continues to take stops from other companies including one at Mac's (phonetic) Grill, Irving Park Road and Harlem. This grill has slot machines and knowing this they were forced to take the services of A-1. CG T-2 also advised that recently A-1 had three individuals going from door to door on Milwaukee near North Avenue soliciting business. If a certain businessman said no to their offer, they left stating he "better think it over" and these three individuals appeared to be "musclemen".

CG T-2 also advised that A-1 is attempting to sell their business with a possible buyer being Industrial Garment, a division of Workwear, Inc., a Cleveland company. Another possible buyer is one [redacted] (phonetic) or [redacted] (Phonetic) of Detroit who has been trying to get into Chicago for some time.

CG T-2 advised on March 13, 1964 that NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS are now running the entire operation at A-1 and they are obtaining new stops at the rate of several a week. CG T-2 stated that they are assisted in getting new stops by some of the drivers for Mary Ann Bakery. [redacted] of Mary Ann Bakery, [redacted] has two sons, [redacted] and [redacted] who run the bakery and pressure has been placed on some of the bakery stops to use the services of A-1.

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CG T-2 advised that the supervisor of drivers, at Mary Ann Bakery is [redacted] (phonetic), formerly a front man for L&M Scavenger and who allegedly works for Chicago hoodlum [redacted] as a "juice man". CG T-2 advised that a number of drivers (there are 70 drivers for Mary Ann Bakery) are on "juice" to [redacted]

CG T-2 advised on March 18, 1964, that recently [redacted] had angry words with one of the BRAVOS brothers because they had taken a stop from Central Overall Company. Central Overall is owned by one [redacted] whose daughter is married to [redacted] son.

On March 18, 1964, [redacted] [redacted] Air Terminal, Inc. advised that his company had used the uniform laundry service of Industrial Garment Service, Inc., since 1959. This company's sales representative was [redacted] [redacted] quit Industrial Garment Service and joined A-1 and A-1 recently became successful bidder on the Lockheed Air Terminal contract for uniform laundry which amounts to about \$5,000 a year.

CG T-2 advised on March 25, 1964, that A-1 had acquired another stop, namely Jack's Snack Shop and was about to obtain same because [redacted] (LNU) had been on juice from horse betting and this was the pressure used to force him to take A-1 service.

CG T-2 advised on April 7, 1964, that A-1 has only a three year lease on the building from which they operate, yet they are spending a great amount of money in the business which is poor business procedure unless they are going to sell the business. CG T-2 also advised that he has learned that an unknown individual has on paper loaned A-1 \$10,000 and he and others were given the money like the \$10,000 in

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the first place which they deposited in a bank then drew out and "loaned" it back to A-1. This arrangement is used so that A-1 can show on the books where they are getting their working capital without revealing the actual source of their capital. CG T-2 does not know the actual source of their capital.

CG T-2 advised that the individual from Detroit who may be interested in buying A-1 is named [redacted] (phonetic) from Cadillac Overall Company in Detroit; he may have an interest in Mai-rite Garment Company of Detroit.

CG T-3 advised on April 23, 1964, that GEORGE BRAVOS anticipates selling A-1 in about three weeks for one and a half million dollars to another industrial laundry company. CG T-3 stated that A-1 has all of the business they can handle but are being dunned for money by local equipment and supply people.

CG T-3 stated that BRAVOS feels they have built up their accounts sufficiently to be able to sell the business for more than a million dollars. According to CG T-3, GEORGE BRAVOS complains bitterly about having to work at A-1 because it is the first time in his life that he had to work.

CG T-3 also advised that the same people who sold a laundry company for the BRAVOS brothers in Miami helped with the negotiations to sell A-1. CG T-3 stated that DAVID YARAS who owns part of A-1 has been in Chicago conducting business from the offices of A-1.

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CG T-2 advised June 10, 1964, that an individual described to him as possibly DAVID YARAS attended the restaurant show in Chicago in mid May and while there was drumming up business for A-1. CG T-2 also advised that he has learned that the ownership of A-1 is split in the following manner:

[redacted] 25%  
DAVID YARAS - 25%  
NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS - 25%  
Two unknown politicians of the 24th Ward - 12½% each

## II. CONTACTS WITH SAM SCHUMER

On March 3, 1964, CG T-2 had furnished information that SAM SCHUMER of Detroit was a jobber for Hayes Uniform Company and sells to A-1.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on April 29, 1964:

Mr. SAM SCHUMER, Maid Rite Garment Manufacturing Company, 1025 Brush Street, Detroit, Michigan, with residence at 21901 Marlow, Oak Park, Michigan, telephone LI 7-7235, who is the President of this company, advised as follows:

He stated that his firm has been doing business with GEORGE BRAVOS and the A-1 Industrial Company of Chicago for the past two years; this business consisting of the sale of industrial type clothing such as coveralls, shirts, and trousers to A-1 Industrial. SCHUMER advised that he has had one, and possibly two, business contacts with GEORGE BRAVOS over the past two years and that the rest of the time these business contacts are done by Maid Rite sales personnel. SCHUMER said that he had no

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social contacts with GEORGE BRAVOS, had no knowledge of BRAVOS' gambling connections or criminal background although it was "rumored in the trade" that BRAVOS was engaged in gangster type activities. He recalled that this information became known to him and others in the trade through news articles appearing in the "Chicago Daily News" during 1963, and he recalled that he had received during this period an autostat copy of one article appearing in this paper relative to BRAVOS' activities. He reiterated that he had not personal knowledge of BRAVOS' illegal operations.

### III. NICK AND GEORGE BRAVOS

CG T-3 advised on February 20, 1964, that EDDIE GATES recently died. GATES had operated a gambling game at the Commonwealth Hotel with LEONARD "NEEDLES" GIANOLA. CG T-3 stated that GATES was also a runner in a gambling operation of GEORGE BRAVOS who is now associated with A-1 Industrial Laundry. CG T-3 stated that GEORGE BRAVOS presently is conducting a book operation on Laramie Avenue in Chicago and it is run by an individual named "DIRGIE" for BRAVOS.

[redacted] Illinois Racing Police, advised in March, 1964, that while in Miami, Florida, recently, he learned that [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] had been recently frequenting Hialeah Race Track with one of the BRAVOS brothers. He noted that [redacted] was arrested by the Internal Revenue Service in Sportsman's Park, Chicago, for on-track booking without a stamp.

CG T-1 advised on March 12, 1964, that NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS are lieutenants for [redacted] [redacted] well known Chicago hoodlum for whom they operate booking establishments.

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CG T-1 advised that several years ago three men kidnaped NICK BRAVOS and held him for ransom for \$50,000. [ ] attempted to learn the identities of the kidnapers but was unsuccessful. Later BRAVOS was released and [ ] did learn the identifies of the kidnapers and they were subsequently killed by an "outfit" killer.

CG T-4 advised on May 1, 1964, that several years ago NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS were attempting to put a scare into [ ] son of FRANK ESPOSITO, former head of the Hod Carriers Union. They placed ESPOSITO in a sewer with two other individuals to scare them and the incident was found out and appeared in the Chicago newspapers. CG T-4 advised he does not know the reason why the BRAVOS brothers were attempting to scare the three individuals.

CG T-2 advised on March 6, 1964, that the BRAVOS brothers are part of a "juice" operation of GUS ALEX, Chicago hoodlum who is a cousin of the BRAVOS brothers. CG T-2 stated that if things get too hot about "juice" in Chicago, NICK BRAVOS will probably be the scape goat of GUS ALEX's "juice operation."

#### IV. DAVID YARAS

CG T-3 advised on February 14, 1964, that on February 12, 1964, DAVID YARAS and "two tough looking individuals" met at the H&H Restaurant in the loop. CG T-3 advised that on February 14, 1964, YARAS met with [ ] of the H&H Restaurant at the Hyatt House in Skokie where YARAS gave [ ] a large sum of money.

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CG T-3 advised on February 20, 1964, that  
DAVID YARAS, who operates A-1 Industrial Laundry  
with the BRAVOS brothers occasionally meets with  
[redacted] a Chicago jewel thief at the H&H Restaurant.



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| Title     | NICHOLAS BRAVOS;<br>GEORGE BRAVOS;<br>DAVID YARAS, A-1 INDUSTRIAL<br>UNIFORM COMPANY, INC.                                                                                                                  |
| Character | ANTI-RACKETEERING                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Reference | Reference is made to report of<br>Special Agent <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span><br>dated and captioned as above. |

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COMPANY, INC.  
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Reference is made to the report of  
Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned  
as above.

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is an individual who has information  
about the activities of certain Chicago hoodlums.

CG T-2 is an individual who is familiar with  
operations of hoodlums in the laundry business in Chicago.

CG T-3 is an individual who has knowledge  
of the activities of numerous Chicago hoodlums.

CG T-4 is an individual whose activities  
bring him into close contact with Chicago crime  
syndicate members.

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ENCLOSURES

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Two (2) copies of letterhead memorandum  
characterizing informants.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Will continue to be  
alert for information and evidence of pressure or "muscle"  
being used in the operations of A-1 Laundry.

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2. Will attempt to determine definitely whether or not A-1 has been or is being sold by the BRAVOS brothers.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Miami Division is in the process of determining whether the reported sale of A-1 might involve [redacted] or DAVID YARAS or companies with which they are associated.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: 10/12/64

Office: Chicago, Illinois

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Title: NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS;  
DAVID YARAS;  
A-1 INDUSTRIAL UNIFORM  
COMPANY, INCORPORATED

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Informant advised that A-1 Laundry is considering a \$500,000 loan to repair machinery. Informant stated that the BRAVOS brothers loan money at a 10% per week interest rate to their customers. Former employee of A-1, who allegedly quit because she did not want to work for "hoodlums", advised she quit because of commuting problems. Informant furnished information that NICHOLAS BRAVOS is on the payroll of Roth-Adams Fuel Company at \$25,000 per year. Informant reported GEORGE BRAVOS was observed in the company of [REDACTED] and JOE LOMBARDI at [REDACTED] "juice" headquarters. Information regarding [REDACTED] and DAVID YARAS and their laundry connections in Florida is set forth.

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DETAILS:

I. OPERATIONS OF A-1  
INDUSTRIAL LAUNDRY

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CG T-1 advised on June 23, 1964, that NICHOLAS BRAVOS must have some connection with C & B Meats because CHARLES NICOLETTI, who is connected with C & B Meats, during his soliciting of meat customers has been urging the taking of services from A-1 and in an opposite manner NICHOLAS BRAVOS, while soliciting for A-1 customers, urges the services of C & B Meats. CG T-1 further advised that [redacted] for A-1, who formerly worked for Supreme Laundry, is attempting to change jobs again because he does not like to be threatened. CG T-1 advised that [redacted] has stated that he was told by the management at A-1 that if he left and went with another company and then stole stops from A-1, he would have his legs broken.

CG T-2 advised on July 7, 1964, that the BRAVOS brothers are faced with the problem of antiquated machinery at A-1 which is badly in need of repair. CG T-2 advised that the BRAVOS brothers are considering a \$500,000 loan. In addition, CG T-2 believes it is possible that the BRAVOS brothers intend to blow up the laundry, collect the insurance, and with the loan they obtain build a new laundry.

CG T-1 advised on July 8, 1964, that the BRAVOS brothers have a loan racket going in connection with their A-1 stops. According to CG T-1, a customer is loaned any amount of money he desires to borrow at an interest rate of 10% per week until it is paid. The drivers for A-1 who collect the normal A-1 Laundry Service payments also collect the principal and interest on these loans and that same is shown on the bill in separate amounts.

CG T-1 advised on July 14, 1964, that a former employee of A-1, one [redacted] had stated that she quit A-1 because she did not like to work for "hoodlums."

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[redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed at her place of employment, the Pear Valley Egg Company, 912 West Randolph, on September 12, 1964. She furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that she comes from a family which has spent most of their lives in the linen laundry business, and that she and her brother formerly owned Rex Linen in Chicago. She advised that several years ago the family sold Rex Linen to Mickey's Linen Company, now operated by [redacted]. Thereafter, she worked for Mickey's Linen Company until late 1963, when she left to take an extended vacation in Europe. On her return in late 1963, she learned that the A-1 Industrial Laundry, which was a new company, had an opening for an experienced person to handle the billing of their accounts and had offered an attractive salary. She quit the position and worked for A-1 for about six months until April of 1964. During this time she handled all of the billing for A-1 and was relatively pleased with her employment. The commuting from her home in Bellwood became increasingly difficult because of her husband's change in working hours and for this reason she left the employment of A-1 and now works close to the Loop where commuting is no problem.

[redacted] advised that her bosses at A-1 were NICHOLAS and GEORGE BRAVOS and that a daughter of NICHOLAS BRAVOS named [redacted] handled the account work for A-1. [redacted] stated that all of the industrial garment business handled by A-1 is a separate section not connected with the linen section, and she never learned anything about the operations of the garment section. Regarding the linen section, she handled only the billing and was confined to a small office with limited access or vision to persons entering and leaving the laundry. She stated she is, therefore, not aware of visits by anyone in particular but knew that there was a great amount of visiting and a great number of salesmen and other people in and out of the laundry each day. [redacted] stated that she has heard the name DAVID YARAS and believes she saw him at the laundry on one occasion although she has no knowledge that he is in any way connected with management of A-1.

[redacted] advised that during her employment she was treated with great respect by all persons connected with A-1 and never had any reason to complain nor did she ever notice anything which was in any way illegal. Regarding the acquisition of new orders by A-1, [redacted] advised she has no knowledge of the manner in which these orders were obtained nor can she comment on the salesmen who obtained them because she knew none of their identities. [redacted] advised that she heard no information about the progress being made by A-1 or information that they were intending to sell their company, but stated that they did do especially well in obtaining numerous new orders in a very short time. She also advised that to her knowledge there were no hidden owners of A-1 and she always believed that the BRAVOS brothers were the owners.

CG T-1 advised on July 27, 1964, that A-1 has now obtained the linen business from several large restaurants in Chicago, and is also servicing the Millionaires Club, all of which are good accounts. On August 10, 1964, CG T-1 advised that he had learned that A-1 had purchased a new laundry believed to be on the south side of Chicago. CG T-1 advised he believes the purchase was handled with proper bank financing and the new laundry has ordered ten new trucks.

## II. NICHOLAS and GEORGE BRAVOS

CG T-3 advised in early July, 1964, that NICHOLAS BRAVOS sells most of the coal used by the Chicago Sanitary District and that he obtains same from Roth-Adams Fuel Company, where he is on the payroll for \$25,000 per year as an expeditor. CG T-3 advised that he believed that the Sanitary District had sometime in the past considered suing the Bern Electric Company for some reason unknown to CG T-3, but because of pressure exerted by NICHOLAS BRAVOS, this action was not taken.

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CG T-4 advised in late July, 1964, that he recently observed GEORGE BRAVOS in the company of WILLIE MESSINA and JOE LOMBARDI at the Starlite Club, located at Elmwood Park, Illinois. CG T-4 advised that this is the location used by [redacted] as headquarters for his "juice" collection activities and JOE LOMBARDI is a collector and terrorist employed by [redacted] and JOE GAGLIANO.

III. [redacted]

KLENE LINEN SUPPLY COMPANY

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Date August 10, 1964

[ ] was interviewed on August 6, 1964, after having been advised that he need not make any statement to the FBI and that he had the right to contact counsel prior to making any statement.

[ ] advised as follows:

He stated that he is [ ] of the Cascade Linen Supply Company, located at 545 Northwest 9th Street, Miami, Florida. The Cascade Linen Supply Company is a branch of a nation wide linen supply company with headquarters in New York City. The name of the New York linen supply company is the General Linen Supply, New York.

[ ] said that in February, 1964, his company purchased the linen supply business from the Klene Linen Supply Company, 1117 5th Avenue, Miami Beach. He stated that all negotiations with Klene Linen Supply were made with one [ ]. In February, 1964, the negotiations were completed between Cascade and Klene for an agreed purchase price of approximately \$70,000.00. No equipment was purchased in this transaction with the exception of linens which were in possession of Klene. The purchase price involved the taking over of Klene's Linen Supply customers in Miami, Miami Beach, and its environs. The price agreed upon was that which is normally transacted in the linen supply business of a ratio of "70 to 1". The 70 to 1 figure was interpreted by [ ] to mean that for every dollar of business transacted per week, by Klene, the Cascade Company agreed to pay \$70.00 for the purchase. [ ] presented figures and accounts which reflected that his business brought in approximately \$1,000.00 per week, and therefore, the \$70,000.00 purchase price was agreed upon.

[ ] stated that [ ] was also interested during this transaction of selling all of Klene, that is, the industrial uniform business which Klene was also engaged in. [ ] stated that he knew that the industrial uniform service of Klene was not a "legitimate type" business, and that any purchase of this business by Cascade could only mean "swindle" of Cascade by [ ]. These recommendations were made

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by SA RALPH R. HILL, JR.;mes Date dictated 8-7-64

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[redacted] to his superiors in New York City and these recommendations were followed by his superiors and as a result only the linen supply business of Klene was alternately purchased.

[redacted] admitted that a great many of the accounts of Klene which were purchased by Cascade had during the past year been taken from Cascade by the Klene Linen Supply, so that in effect they were merely purchasing back their own accounts.

[redacted] stated that the Klene Linen Supply Company had been in business only a short time and it was understood by the linen supply industry in Miami that actually the Klene Linen Supply Company was only in business in order to "harass" the legitimate linen supply dealers to the point whereby they would be bought out within a very short time, which is what occurred. [redacted] stated that the Cascade Company approached the Klene Linen Supply Company for this transaction, and prior to this, [redacted] did not approach Cascade with the prospect of a sale.

With regard to the possibility of DAVID YARAS being involved in the operation of the Klene Linen Supply, [redacted] stated that his only information in this regard would be hearsay. [redacted] said that he had learned that YARAS was in the uniform supply business in Chicago, headed by two Greek individuals and the name of this company in Chicago is the A-1 Uniform Rental and Supply Company. [redacted] learned that there was a possibility of the fact that YARAS was probably the man behind the scenes in the operation of the Klene Linen Supply Company.

With regard to possible "muscling" in tactics utilized by the Klene Linen Supply Company, [redacted] stated that he learned that [redacted] in contacting his future accounts, used "implied" threats and "implied muscle". [redacted] said for example, that after the purchase of the Klene Linen Supply Company by Cascade, one of the Cascade salesmen made contact with some of Klene's industrial uniform stores in order to attempt to gain this business. The following day, [redacted] was contacted telephonically by [redacted] and was advised that the salesman who had contacted his account in Miami Beach, the day before would wind up getting severely beaten if he did not cease and desist contacting Klene Industrial Uniform accounts.

Further information pertaining to the use of force by [redacted] according to [redacted] was the fact that during the negotiations for the purchase of Klene by Cascade, or shortly thereafter, a convention of linen supply dealers was held in Miami Beach at

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the Fontainebleau Hotel. [redacted] was contacted there by one [redacted] of the Dania-Riverside Laundry. [redacted] according to [redacted] is an associate of YARAS and [redacted] told [redacted] that if he did not stop interfering with the sales transaction between Cascade and Klene, the possibility existed that he would "wind up in the river." [redacted] said that he ignored these implied threats, and thus far no bodily harm has come to him.

[redacted] stated that it would be necessary for him to contact his superiors in New York City prior to releasing the exact figures and amounts of the sales transactions between the Klene Linen Supply Company and the Cascade Linen Supply Company.

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Date August 13, 1964

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[redacted] telephone number 945-0377, was interviewed by SAS RALPH R. HILL and FRANK J. SMITH in the offices of the Cascade Linen Supply Company, 545 NW 9th Street, Miami, Florida. [redacted] was advised that he need not make a statement to the interviewing agents prior to consultation with an attorney. [redacted] stated that he understands this and furnished the following information:

He worked for the Miami Laundry Company for approximately seven years prior to becoming employed with the Klene Linen Supply Company in Miami Beach, Florida. [redacted] said that he went with the Klene Linen Supply Company sometime during the latter part of 1963, after having been told by [redacted] that he, [redacted] would pay [redacted] commission in addition to his salary and other concessions which would prove his new position at Klene to be highly advantageous to him. After going with KLENE, [redacted] advised that he and [redacted] were the only two salesmen handling new accounts for the Klene Linen Supply Company. [redacted] said that in effect, [redacted] opened the majority of the new accounts, which were represented by men of his, [redacted] friends of Miami Beach.

During the transaction involving the sale of the Klene Linen Supply accounts to the Cascade Company, [redacted] promised [redacted] \$5,000.00 which represented his commissions since going with the Klene Company. [redacted] has not carried out these promises, and to date, [redacted] has not received any money of the \$5,000.00 promised him by [redacted] with the result that he has filed a law suit in Dade County Court in an attempt to receive his \$5,000.00. This litigation has not yet come up for hearing, and [redacted] is represented in this matter by Miami attorney, [redacted]

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[ ] stated that during his employment with the Klene Linen Supply Company, he had heard the name DAVE YARAS; however, he has not met this individual. [ ]

[ ] stated that he is not in possession of any information of a positive nature which would reflect the involvement, financially or otherwise, of DAVID YARAS with the Klene Linen Supply Company.

[ ] stated that during his association with [ ] which was strictly on a business level, he observed that [ ] spent the greater part of his time opening new accounts and servicing current accounts of the Klene Linen Supply Company.

[ ] said that he was not aware of any "Muscling tactics" or other pressure utilized by [ ] in the gaining of new accounts for the Klene Linen Supply Company, and said that [ ] explained his phenomenal success of obtaining new accounts as "I know a lot of people."

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[redacted] after having been satisfied as to the identity of the Agent as being with the FBI and advised that he need not make a statement, advised as follows:

He is [redacted] of the Klene Industrial Uniform Company, 1117 5th Street, Miami Beach, Florida.

Prior to March, 1964, his company was known as the Klene Linen Supply Company, however, this part of the business was sold in March to the Cascade Linen Supply Company. Part of the sales transaction was a Covenant agreement precluding him from engaging in the linen supply business for a specified length of time. If this Covenant is broken, that amount of money specified in the contract will not be paid by the purchaser.

[redacted] stated that although he is acquainted with DAVID YARAS and considers him as a friend, he, YARAS, is not connected with his Industrial Uniform Supply business in any manner. [redacted] stated that YARAS, while in Miami, is "retired" and spends the majority of his time at the Bayshore Municipal Golf Course, playing golf.

[redacted] advised that his only source of income at the present time is that which is derived from his Industrial Uniform business.

[redacted] added that he cared only to discuss the linen supply business with the interviewing Agent and would not discuss his personal dealings nor his knowledge of the affairs of DAVID YARAS.

On 8/17/64 at Miami Beach, Florida File # Miami 92-1047

by SA RALPH R. HILL, JR.:sgr Date dictated 8/17/64

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**Chicago, Illinois  
October 12, 1964**

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| Title     | <b>NICHOLAS BRAVOS; GEORGE BRAVOS;<br/>DAVID YARAS; A-1 INDUSTRIAL<br/>UNIFORM COMPANY, INCORPORATED</b>                                                                                                                 |
| Character | <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Reference | <b>report of Special Agent<br/><span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> dated and<br/>captioned as above at Chicago,<br/>Illinois.</b> |

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS;  
DAVID YARAS;  
A-1 INDUSTRIAL UNIFORM  
COMPANY, INCORPORATED

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] dated and captioned as above at Chicago, Illinois.

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

Chicago T-1 is an individual who receives information daily concerning the laundry industry in Chicago.

Chicago T-2 is an individual who associates with various Chicago area hoodlums.

Chicago T-3 is an individual closely associated with certain members of the Chicago Criminal Association.

Chicago T-4 is an individual who is in a position to obtain information concerning certain activities of several Chicago area hoodlums

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><b>NICHOLAS BRAVOS, aka;<br/>GEORGE BRAVOS;<br/>DAVID YARAS;<br/>A-1 INDUSTRIAL UNIFORM<br/>COMPANY, INC.</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><br><b>SA EUGENE I. SATHER</b> | TYPED BY<br><br><b>mlb</b>                        |
|                                                                                                                                    |                                    | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>AR</b>               |                                                   |

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 10/12/64  
at Chicago.

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TO BUREAU

Two (2) copies of a letterhead memorandum  
characterizing informants.

LEADS

DETROIT - INFORMATION. An information copy is being  
furnished the Detroit Division inasmuch as investigation  
is pending there.

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| DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT                                                                                     |                            | NOTATIONS                                                                                   |        |
| AGENCY.....                                                                                                                 | 1-Dpt 2/4/65               | <i>[Handwritten notes and stamps]</i><br>JAN 21 1965<br>92-6410-13<br>65<br>3-25-1<br>96/12 |        |
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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue efforts to develop information concerning any pressure or "muscle" being used in the operations of the A-1 Laundry.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Symbol numbers T-3, T-4 and T-5 are being used to conceal former PCI [redacted] in view of the amount of information furnished by him.

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INFORMANTS

Source

CG T-1

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CG T-2

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CG T-3

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Former PCI

[redacted]

Date Contacted

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA EUGENE I. SATHER  
Date: January 19, 1965

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: 92-1297

Bureau File #: 92-6410

Title: NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS;  
DAVID YARAS;  
A-1 INDUSTRIAL UNIFORM  
COMPANY, INC.

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

FNU SCHUMER, Detroit, Michigan, reportedly purchased 2 laundries in Chicago, Illinois. According to informants, BRAVOS makes numerous promises in order to obtain new customers and this approach does not make use of "muscle". NICK BRAVOS observed to be quite familiar with Boston's Hamburger Joint, Grand and Chicago Avenues, Chicago, Illinois. Background and past history of BRAVOS brothers furnished by Chicago Crime Commission set forth.

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DETAILS:

I. OPERATIONS OF A-1 INDUSTRIAL LAUNDRY

CG T-4 advised that an individual (FNU) SCHUMER from Maid-Rite Garment Company, Detroit, Michigan, has purchased two laundries on the south side of Chicago, one of which is the Chapman Laundry. According to CG T-4, A-1 Laundry has taken over the linen service for the airport parking lot, one of which is located at 300 Wabash.

In November, 1964, CG T-5 advised that GEORGE BRAVOS, while soliciting business for A-1, displayed the technique he has been using in order to obtain new business which did not involve the use of "muscle". According to CG T-5, BRAVOS tells the prospective customer of the progress made by A-1, namely that it is now doing \$2,000,000.00 worth of business per year and has nine routes. CG T-5 said BRAVOS makes numerous promises of extra service, lower prices, and so forth, also that A-1 has now taken over the linen service at Dewey's Snack Shop in Melrose Park, Illinois.

CG T-3 advised having heard that [redacted] is now [redacted] of the Central Plant of the Great Lakes Linen Company, which is located on Elston Avenue, Chicago. According to CG T-3, [redacted] is a cousin of TONY ACCARDO, and the Great Lakes Linen Company has not lost any stops to A-1 Laundry in the last two years.

CG T-4 advised that [redacted] (phonetic), [redacted] of Little Joe's Restaurant, Lawrence Avenue, across from the Bankers Life Building, is related to GUS ALEX. [redacted] according to CG T-4 has been showing lots of money lately and is attempting to buy out his partner, an individual named [redacted] (phonetic) of Bankers Life, with whom they shared ownership of Mullins Food Products Company, 4026 Lake Street.

CG T-4 also advised having heard that [redacted] wants to buy the Wishing Well in the 3800 block of Elston

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Street, Chicago. Also, [ ] in connection with [ ]  
[ ] Little Joe's, uses the service of Supreme  
Linen, which belongs to GUS ALEX.

In November, 1964, CG T-5 advised that the linen  
business in Chicago is somewhat controlled by GUS ALEX  
to this extent. (The following information somewhat  
substantiates the information furnished by CG T-4 above:)

Mungers Laundry is owned by JIMMY ALLEGRETTI,  
a brother of GUS; Supreme Laundry belong to GUS ALEX;  
and A-1 is managed by NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS, who are cousins  
of GUS ALEX.

## II. NICHOLAS AND GEORGE BRAVOS

CG T-5 advised that there is more than one person who has loaned \$10,000.00 each to the BRAVOS brothers when they started their operations in the A-1 Laundry, however, according to CG T-5 these were only paper loans to show a source of money.

CG T-2 advised in October, 1964 NICK BRAVOS overheard to remark that GUS ALEX is the owner of Functional Music located at Wacker and Michigan Avenue. Also, that ALEX and the late FRANK "STRONGIE" FERRARO had been partners in the ownership of the above company.

CG T-1 advised that NICHOLAS BRAVOS was observed at Boston's Hamburger Place, Grand and Chicago Avenues, and was observed to walk behind the counter as though familiar with the owner of the restaurant.

[redacted] Chicago Crime Commission, 79 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, made available the following information from their files pertaining to the BRAVOS brothers:

In a report of December 12, 1933 regarding indictment 71134 it is noted that NICHOLAS BRAVOS, 18, and two others were charged with robbery and there was a finding of guilty (sentenced one to life on December 19, 1933 for each defendant).

In a police report of November 17, 1955 NICK BRAVOS, 2059 North Newcastle, age 42, is described as an ex-convict, known hoodlum and racketeer. [redacted] and [redacted] are also known at this address, while the telephone at the place is in the name of [redacted] GEORGE BRAVOS, 715 North Pulaski, reported to the FBI that his brother NICK was missing since November 14, 1955. His hat was found in front of his house. The next day CHARLES CARR, true name CARL TORRACO, an ex-convict and friend of NICK BRAVOS, received a telephone call "We got NICK, don't go to the cops." CARR received other calls to get \$75,000 and have it ready. On November 18, 1955 NICK was found available and he and GEORGE

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BRAVOS and EARL TORRACO were taken to police headquarters for questioning. They denied any kidnapping. A writ was obtained by Attorney [redacted] and the trio was released. In 1945 NICK BRAVOS operated the Better Burner Service, 717 North Pulaski. He had been employed as an oil burner repairman before going into business for himself. NICK BRAVOS had been barred from Arlington, Washington and Hawthorne race tracks as were CHARLES and SAM ENGLISH, JOSEPH MENDINO and [redacted]

In an "American" clip of January 9, 1956 it is stated that in November, 1955 NICK BRAVOS, 42, 2059 North Newcastle, dropped out of sight. His brother GEORGE went to the FBI stating there had been an anonymous demand by telephone for \$75,000 ransom. NICK BRAVOS is a widely known, northwest side hoodlum and bookmaker with interests in syndicate wire rooms. Later NICK appeared but would not say anything of any kidnapping.

In an "American" clip of April 29, 1958 it is reported that NICK BRAVOS, 43, 2139 South Michigan Avenue, and another were discharged in court on charges of operating a wire room at the Santa Fe Hotel, 8 West Polk Street.

In a "Tribune" clip of August 8, 1961 it is reported that NICK BRAVOS and his brother GEORGE, described as a pair of former bookmakers, were now believed to be bankrolling burglars on the northwest side and that they were two of seven juice men under investigation as possibly being involved in a "murder for insurance" racket wherein persons indebted to juice operators were slain so that their insurance could be used to repay the loans.

In an "American" clip of May 10, 1962 it is indicated that NICK BRAVOS, 47, and his brother GEORGE, 47, were observed by the reporter at Sportsman's Park and that track officials sent orders to have them ejected. NICK BRAVOS served seven years in prison for armed robbery and came out in 1940. The "American" learned that thirty bookies were operating at the track and each was assessed \$300.00 a week.

In a "Sun-Times" clip of May 25, 1963 it is stated that NICK BRAVOS, a crime syndicate mobster, was on the payroll

of the company which collected more than \$500,000 in "expeditors" fees on Sanitary District coal contracts totaling seven million dollars. BRAVOS, 50, was described as a syndicate gambling overlord, race track bookie and underworld loan shark who served a seven-year prison term for bank robbery. He was paid more than \$35,000 from 1959 to 1962 by the Roth-Adam Fuel Company. In 1962 NICK and his brother GEORGE, 48, a syndicate gambling chief, wheeled around gambling dens in a black convertible with license plates issued to the Roth-Adam Fuel Company. Both brothers were associated with another syndicate hoodlum, DAVE YARAS, in the A-1 Industrial Uniforms, Inc., 1217 North Oakley.

In a "Sun-Times" clip of May 28, 1963 it is reported that NICK BRAVOS, 50, received \$1,000 a month salary from the Roth-Adam Company, which company received huge expeditor's fees on more than seven million dollars worth of coal sold the Sanitary District from 1959 to 1963. CHARLES ENGLISH also had been observed driving a car registered to the firm. BRAVOS received \$35,000 from the firm.

In a letter of September 18, 1963 information is that GEORGE and NICHOLAS BRAVOS, as well as other bookmaking groups at Hawthorne Race Track, were paying \$1,000 a week protection.

In an "American" clip of February 28, 1964 it is noted that a "juice" operations victim stated that NICK BRAVOS and other hoodlums were his persecutors for failure to keep up on his payments.



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Chicago, Illinois  
January 19, 1965

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| Title     | NICHOLAS BRAVOS;<br>GEORGE BRAVOS;<br>DAVID YARAS;<br>A-1 INDUSTRIAL UNIFORM<br>COMPANY, INC. |
| Character | ANTI-RACKETEERING                                                                             |
| Reference | Report of Special Agent Eugene<br>I. Sather dated and captioned as<br>above.                  |

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Chicago, Illinois  
January 19, 1965

NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS;  
DAVID YARAS;  
A-1 INDUSTRIAL UNIFORM  
COMPANY, INC.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Chicago T-1 is an individual who is acquainted with various Chicago area hoodlums.

Chicago T-2 is an individual who associates with various Chicago area hoodlums.

Chicago T-3 is an individual who is familiar with the laundry industry in Chicago.

Chicago T-4 is an individual who is familiar with certain activities of the Bravos brothers.

Chicago T-5 is an individual who is in a position to obtain information concerning certain activities of Chicago area hoodlums.

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SAC, Chicago (92-1297)

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Director, FBI (92-6410)

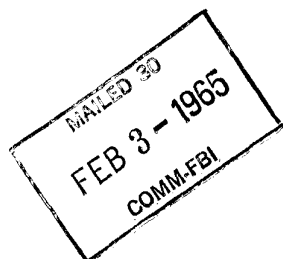
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NICHOLAS BRAVOS, aka.;  
GEORGE BRAVOS;  
DAVID KARAS  
ARI INDUSTRIAL UNIFORM COMPANY, INC.  
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Re: rep of SA Eugene I. Sather, dated 1/19/65, Chicago.

It appears that subsequent reports in this matter should appropriately be captioned with the name of the individual who is the main subject of the investigation and that reference to the Uniform Company should be deleted unless some special reason to the contrary exists.

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><b>NICHOLAS BRAVOS, aka;<br/>GEORGE BRAVOS</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>SA</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> | TYPED BY<br><b>acm</b>                        |
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REFERENCES: Report of SA EUGENE I. SATHER dated 1/19/65 at Chicago.  
Chicago airtel to Cincinnati dated 3/29/65.  
Newark letter to Chicago dated 4/14/65.

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU (2)

Two copies of a letterhead memo characterizing informants.

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AT COLUMBUS, OHIO. An information copy is being furnished to the Cincinnati Division inasmuch as investigation is pending there.

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| Dissemination Record of Attached Report                                                                                 |                            | Notations                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will conduct investigation of NICHOLAS and GEORGE BRAVOS and attempt to develop information concerning any pressure or "muscle" being used in the operations of the A-1 Industrial Laundry.

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INFORMANTS

| <u>Source</u> | <u>Date Contacted</u> | <u>Contacting Agent</u> |
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| CG T-1 is retired<br>Chicago PD Lt.<br>[redacted] | 1/18/65 | SA [redacted] |
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CG T-2 is PCI  
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CG T-3 is  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: Chicago  
Date: 4/30/65

Field Office File #: 92-1297 Bureau File #: 92-6410

Title: NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

Informants advise the BRAVOS brothers curtailing operations in the gambling field and concentrating on "juice" and the A-1 Industrial Laundry operation. [REDACTED] and DAVE YARAS reportedly owners of A-1 Laundry with BRAVOS brothers. Informant advises the owners of A-1 Laundry Still intend to sell company and make large profit on the sale. Trucks of A-1 Laundry observed using parking lot at 3330 West Lake Street. Informant advised BRAVOS brothers have purchased new laundry on Lake Street.

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DETAILS:

I. NICK AND GEORGE BRAVOS

CG T-1 advised that GEORGE BRAVOS along with other members of the Chicago criminal community, including JAY CAMPESE, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] hang out at a restaurant at 845 West North Avenue. CG T-1 advised that the above group, lead by GEORGE BRAVOS are mainly engaged in the "juice" racket and are vicious in their collection methods. CG T-1 advised the group is in frequent contact with JAMES ALLEGRETTI.

CG T-2 advised that he has learned that NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS are gradually curtailing their operations in the gambling field and that these operations are being taken over by one [REDACTED]. CG T-2 advised that the BRAVOS brothers' sphere of influence in the gambling field was the area surrounding Chicago and Western Avenues and that this territory extended to Lake and Kedzie. CG T-2 advised that the main base of operations of the BRAVOS brothers was near the corner of Chicago and Western Avenues.

CG T-3 advised that he has learned that GEORGE BRAVOS, since November, 1964, had lost over \$200,000 in his booking and sports betting activities. CG T-3 advised that because of this loss by GEORGE BRAVOS, he has closed down his betting activities completely and will concentrate all his efforts on his "juice" interest and the A-1 Industrial Laundry.

II. OPERATIONS OF THE A-1 INDUSTRIAL  
LAUNDRY, 1217 NORTH OAKLEY,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

CG T-3 advised that he has learned that DAVE YARAS, [REDACTED] and the BRAVOS brothers, NICK and GEORGE, met in the A-1 Laundry in January, 1965.

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CG T-3 advised that [ ] YARAS and the BRAVOS brothers are owners of the A-1 Laundry, and that the laundry is managed by one [ ]

CG T-3 further advised that he has learned that the A-1 Laundry does an \$18,000 a week business. CG T-3 advised that the BRAVOS brothers have also' acquired a new laundry plant somewhere on Lake Street because they could not handle all the business in their plant on Oakley. CG T-3 advised that the BRAVOS brothers have about 30 Negro girls working for them at both plants.

CG T-4 advised that he has learned that the A-1 Industrial Laundry, operated by GEORGE and NICK BRAVOS and DAVE YARAS, is plowing his profits back into the business and is buying new factory equipment. CG T-4 advised that it has been reported that the owners of the A-1 Industrial Laundry still intend to sell the laundry and to make a large profit on its sale when the weekly accounts have been built up sufficiently.

Several times during March, 1965, the following 2 autos were parked near the front of the A-1 Industrial Laundry, 1217 North Oakley, and in the parking lot used by the A-1 Laundry: Ohio 1964 license plate 3098 AD, New Jersey license plate (no year) IVL 608.

Records of the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles, Trenton, New Jersey, reflect that license IVL 608 was issued to Transportation Vehicles, Inc., 1635 Avenue of the Americas, New York City, for a 1965 Pontiac 4-door sedan.

On March 8, 16 and April 14, 1965, trucks of the A-1 Industrial Laundry were observed leaving the premises of the laundry at 1217 North Oakley in the late afternoon and driving to 3330 West Lake Street, Chicago. The trucks were parked in a parking lot at that address along with trucks of Derby Linen Supply Company, Inc., and Service Laundry, Inc. The same trucks of A-1 Laundry were observed

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in the parking lot early the next morning before the drivers started the day shift.

The 1964-65 Chicago telephone directory lists the Derby Linen Supply Company, Inc. and the Service Laundry, Inc. as both being subscribers at 3330 West Lake Street, Chicago.

On April 14 and 22, 1965, a late model Oldsmobile sedan, 1965 Illinois license 802182, was parked in the parking area by the A-1 Laundry at 1217 North Oakley.

A directory of 1965 Illinois Automobile License Plates, published by the Illinois Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, lists license 802-182 to LEONARD YARAS, 3600 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago.

LEONARD YARAS is the son of DAVE YARAS, an *ILL.* alleged partner in A-1 Industrial Laundry.

On March 24, 1964, [redacted] of the apartment building at 3600 North Lake Shore Drive, advised that LEONARD YARAS occupies apartment 2408. He said that LEONARD YARAS signed a 2 year lease in July, 1963, at which time he listed his occupation as general manager of the A-1 Industrial Laundry at 1217 North Oakley, Chicago.

[redacted] advised that DAVE YARAS signed as a co-signer of the lease.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois  
April 30, 1965

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Title                   NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
                          GEORGE BRAVOS

Character             ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference            Report of Special Agent   
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Chicago, Illinois  
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NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><b>NICHOLAS BRAVOS, aka;<br/>GEORGE BRAVOS</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100px;"></div> | TYPED BY<br><b>dlk</b>                        |
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REFERENCES: Report of SA  dated 4/30/65 at Chicago.  
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ENCLOSURESTO BUREAU (2)

Two copies of a letterhead memorandum characterizing informants.

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AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. An information copy is being furnished to the Springfield Division inasmuch as investigation is pending there concerning corporate checks on the A-1 Laundry, the Derby Linen Supply Company,

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| APPROVED<br><br><i>[Signature]</i>                                                                                          | SPECIAL AGENT<br>IN CHARGE | DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
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| 3 - Bureau (92-6410) ( <del>EX-100</del> )<br>1 - USA, Chicago<br>1 - Springfield (165-167) (Info)<br>2 - Chicago (92-1297) |                            | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px;">15 AUG 13 1965</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px;">EX-100</div>                                                      |  |
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and the Service Laundry, Inc.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to  
conduct investigation of NICHOLAS and GEORGE BRAVOS.

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INFORMANTS

| <u>Source</u>                             | <u>Date Contacted</u> | <u>Contacting Agent</u> |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| CG T-1 is<br>[redacted]                   | 6/9/65                | SA [redacted]           |
| CG T-2 is<br>[redacted]                   | 4/26/65               | SA [redacted]           |
| CG T-3 is<br>[redacted]                   | 5/11/65               | SA [redacted]           |
| CG T-4 is<br>PCI [redacted]<br>[redacted] | 6/21/65               | SA [redacted]           |

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: [REDACTED]  
Date: 8/10/65

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: 92-1297

Bureau File #: 92-6410

Title: NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Informants advise the BRAVOS brothers may again be becoming active in gambling activity in Chicago area. BRAVOS brothers reportedly active in "juice" business, and are increasing their laundry business accounts. [REDACTED] observed numerous times at A-1 Industrial Laundry. Information concerning GEORGE BRAVOS auto registration set out.

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DETAILS:

CG T-1 advised that GEORGE BRAVOS, one of the owners of the A-1 Industrial Uniform Company, along with DAVID YARAS, Chicago and Florida member of the criminal element is preparing the second floor above the Orchid Flower Shop at Chicago and Western Avenues for a large gambling operation. The address is the same as that of the flower shop operated years ago by ANTHONY "TOUGH TONY" CAPEZIO, deceased, a member of the CAPONE syndicate.

Observation during June and July, 1965, revealed some activity at the above location, but the extent of it could not be determined.

CG T-2 advised that GEORGE and NICK BRAVOS collect "juice" payments at the poolroom located next door to the Orchid Flower Shop on Western Avenue.

CG T-2 further advised that he had heard that NICK BRAVOS is back in the bookmaking business and has about a dozen bookmakers working for him at Sportsman's Park Race Track in Cicero, Illinois.

CG T-2 also said that [redacted] a member of the Chicago criminal element, meets weekly with NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS concerning bookmaking activities.

CG T-3 advised that NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS are active in the "juice racket" in the Logan Square area of Chicago. CG T-3 said that the BRAVOS brothers used to own a currency exchange at 23rd and Cicero but apparently are no longer active in it.

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CG T-4 advised that he has heard that NICK andd GEORGE BRAVOS of the A-1 Industrial Laundry have increased their laundry route among Clark Street restaurant owners. The source advised that it was not ascertained for certain whether the BRAVOS brothers were using "muscle" in obtaining the new accounts but he would be surprised if the BRAVOS brothers were not using some form of "muscle".

CG T-4 further advised that the BRAVOS brothers attempt to get some of the restaurant owners "hooked on juice" if they can in conjunction with their laundry supply stops.

Several times during March, 1965, the following two autos were parked near the front of the A-1 Industrial Laundry, 1217 North Oakley and in the parking lot used by the A-1 Laundry directly across the street from the laundry building: Ohio license plate, 1964, 3098AD and New Jersey license plate FVL 608.

Subsequent investigation has reflected that the drivers of these two cars were in the area doing business independent of the BRAVOS brothers or the A-1 Laundry.

On several occasions from April, 1965, to July 14, 1965, [redacted] son of DAVID YARAS, was observed entering and departing the A-1 Industrial Laundry building at 1217 North Oakley, Chicago. On most of these occasions [redacted]

[redacted] was driving a 1965 white Pontiac Bonneville, sedan, bearing 1965 Illinois license plates RY 4120.

On July 13 and 14, 1965, [redacted] was observed at the A-1 Laundry driving a late model dark blue

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Oldsmobile "98", sedan, bearing 1965 Florida license plates IW-82521. This car is registered to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] DAVID YARAS of Miami, Florida.

A white 1965 Pontiac sedan, bearing 1965 Illinois license plates KN 1213 was observed numerous times parked at the A-1 Laundry building.

The records of the Secretary of States Office, Springfield, Illinois, reflected that 1965 Illinois license KN 1213, was issued to GEORGE BRAVOS, 715 North Pulaski, Chicago, Illinois.

On July 9, 1965, [REDACTED] Driver's License Section, Secretary of States Office, Springfield, Illinois, advised that his records reflect drivers license number B612-3001-1006 was issued April 6, 1962, to GEORGE BRAVOS, 715 North Pulaski, Chicago, Illinois. The license expires March 4, 1966, and describes BRAVOS as follows:

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Height        | 5'9"          |
| Weight        | 220 pounds    |
| Hair          | Brown         |
| Eyes          | Brown         |
| Date of Birth | March 4, 1911 |

Observation during May, June and July, 1965, in the vicinity of the A-1 Laundry or the BRAVOS residences failed to observe the BRAVOS brothers.



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| Title     | NICHOLAS BRAVOS;<br>GEORGE BRAVOS                                                                                                                                                               |
| Character | ANTI-RACKETEERING                                                                                                                                                                               |
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—Herald Staff Photo by BOB EAST

**Yaras Lives in Respectability**  
*... in this home at 4410 Adams Ave., Miami Beach*

## David Yaras: He Makes It A Habit of Beating the Rap

*This is the second in a series of articles about criminals and their associates who found life in South Florida so enjoyable that they decided to settle down here.*

**By GENE MILLER**  
 Herald Staff Writer

In the jargon of the rap sheet, "GP" means an arrest for "general principles." It is no great distinction.

In the long ago of April, 1931, the "GP" went down beside the name of David Yaras, then just a tough kid from Chicago.

Yaras, establishing a habit, beat the rap. Since then, he has beaten the rap as a killer, robber, extortionist, thug—you name it.

### Know Your Neighbor



**David Yaras**  
*... leads 'charmed' life*

His accomplishments are well recognized in his old home town, which is tough. Since 1919, something like 97 gangland murders have remained unsolved. Yaras is one of the Florida men for the Chicago mob.

For general principles, the citizenry of Dade County might well pay a little attention to why he is here, his past, his reputation, and his charmed unpunished life.

Yaras, 32, resides in suburban respectability on Miami Beach at 4410 Adams Ave. He is curt, cold, a snarler.

Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. Belmont  
 Mr. Mohr  
 Mr. DeLoach  
 Mr. Casper  
 Mr. Callahan  
 Mr. Conrad  
 Mr. Felt  
 Mr. Gale  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Sullivan  
 Mr. Tavel  
 Mr. Trotter  
 Tele. Room  
 Mr. Holmes  
 Miss Gandy

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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The MIAMI HERALD

Miami, Florida

Being followed

Date: 10/19/65

Edition:

Author:

Editor:

Title:

**DAVID YARAS**  
**Info Concerning**

Character:

[MM 92-648]

Classification:

Submitting Office: Miami

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When he is not in Chicago, he is often, he is easily known as a shylock or "juice" at the Bay Shore Golf course, willing to loan thousands at 10 per cent per month. He is also a big-bet 70 golfer, sometimes betting gang Czar Jack over the links. He was abruptly moved to the beach in the late 40s as assassinations aroused the wrath of blase Chicagoans.

is a classic tale of sorts.

A mob contracted for the slaying of James Ragen, a nationwide wire service entrepreneur who ungraciously declined suggestions to

his business fortunes.

When he knew he had trouble, he hired two bodyguards. But still, from a truck in broad daylight, a gun blast tore into his car.

Surprisingly, he lived, and he worked in shifts in his hotel room. Then, suddenly, he died. The autopsy revealed a complication: a bullet in the stomach, unexplained.

He, along with two friends, was indicted for murder. Three witnesses testified him.

Conveniently for Yarass, however, one witness met a violent end; the other two lost their memory.

A hard-nosed policeman, Lt. William Drury, never gave up. Even after a suspension, which he called a corrupt political frame-up, he persisted.

On Sept. 24, 1950, as was his custom, Drury backed his car into his garage. Four shotgun blasts killed him instantly.

Since Davy became a Floridian, he has managed fairly well to keep his name out of newspaper type.

**He regressed slightly in 1959 in a bizarre DeLido Island robbery of Marisol Alba, a Batista "spy" then known as Cuba's Mata Hari senorita.**

She positively identified Yarass and Bennie Husick, a punk bookie, as the thugs who stole \$4,890 in gems. In court two months later, she too changed her mind. She took the Fifth Amendment.

A grateful Husick, for a while ran a hole-in-the-wall linen supply for Yarass, which he unloaded for \$80,000 plus recently. Hardly anyone, it appeared, could afford to refuse his service.

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|                                                                     |                                    | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>AR</b>                                                         |                                                |

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Springfield letter to Chicago, dated 8/19/65.  
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Pending Over One Year - Yes  
Pending Prosecution Over Six Months - No

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| Special Agent in Charge                                               | Do not write in spaces below |        |
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Title NICHOLAS BRAVOS; GEORGE BRAVOS

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted]  
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DETAILS:

I. NICK AND GEORGE BRAVOS

On August 31, 1965, NICK BRAVOS was observed departing his residence, 8831 Kathy Lane, Des Plaines, Illinois at 2:00 p.m. He entered a 1963 white Pontiac Convertible with blue interior, bearing 1965 Illinois License plates RP9580 and drove toward the downtown area of Des Plaines.

The records of the Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, reflects 1965 Illinois License plates RP9580 is registered to NICHOLAS BRAVOS, 8831 Kathy Lane, Des Plaines, Illinois.

CG T-1 advised in August, 1965, that NICK BRAVOS had swore and used vulgar language in referring to [redacted] [redacted] was arrested with GEORGE BRAVOS along with WILLIE MESSINO and others by the Illinois Crime Commission on "juice" charges. CG T-1 advised that evidently, [redacted] is held in low regard by other members of the criminal element in Chicago according to NICK BRAVOS.

CG T-2 advised in September, 1965, that GEORGE BRAVOS is the supplier of money for WILLIE MESSINO's "juice" operations. MESSINO splits his share of the profits fifty-fifty with GEORGE BRAVOS. CG T-2 advised that GEORGE BRAVOS is a very obnoxious person and is hated by most of the hoodlums in Chicago.

An article appearing in the Chicago American Newspaper, Green Streak edition, November 8, 1965, page 5 column 2, was captioned "Not Guilty Pleas By Six In Juice Case." The article stated that "William (Wee Willie) Messino, 48 reputed crime syndicate usurer and five others pleaded not guilty today to charges of kidnapping and beating two brothers for being delinquent in repayment in juice loans."

"Arraignment took place before presiding judge Alexander J. Napoli. The case was assigned to Judge Walter P. Dahl who set December 14, 1965, for filing of motions. All the defendants are free on \$10,000 bond. Besides Messino those previously indicted on October 26, 1965 are George Bravos of 715 North Pulaski, Sandor Caravello, Joseph Lombardi, Sam Mercurio, and Alice Erwin.

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The following observations were made by SAs [ ]  
[ ] and EUGENE I. SATHER on November 18, 1965:

10:15 A.M.

GEORGE BRAVOS was observed driving west on North Avenue at Nordica in a late model, two-door Sport Pontiac Sedan (white), bearing 1965 Illinois license plates KN1213. He drove directly to and parked the car in the rear of the Golden Bear Pancake House, North Avenue and Bonnie Brae, River Forest, Illinois.

10:19 A.M.

BRAVOS departed the above car and entered the Golden Bear Pancake House. He sat at the counter at the west side of the restaurant having a cup of coffee and asking the waitress what time it was. He kept looking out the front window on the north side of the building.

10:35 A.M.

BRAVOS was joined at the counter by WILLIAM (WEE WILLIE) MESSINO. They talked briefly and then went to a booth in the rear of the restaurant along the east wall. BRAVOS and MESSINO were observed in conversation in the booth.

10:59 A.M.

BRAVOS and MESSINO departed the booth, paid the bill at the cash register, and departed the restaurant.

11:03 A.M.

BRAVOS and MESSINO were last observed walking south in the parking lot west of the Golden Bear Pancake House.

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II. OPERATION OF THE A-1 INDUSTRIAL  
UNIFORMS, INCORPORATED, 1217 NORTH  
OAKLEY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

CG T-3 advised in October, 1965, that GEORGE BRAVOS president of the A-1 Laundry has been staying away from that location on Oakley because of his recent arrest and forthcoming trial based on his arrest by the Illinois Crime Commission. CG T-3 advised that DAVID YARAS has taken over the management of the A-1 Laundry through his son, LEONARD YARAS, and that LEONARD YARAS was recently married to a divorcee.

CG T-3 advised that [REDACTED] DAVID YARAS' other son, is still working at the Vending Corporation of America as a salesman and that this company has recently moved to a location at Fairfield and North Avenue, Chicago. CG T-3 advised that NICK BRAVOS has apparently no influence outwardly in the operation of the A-1 Laundry and that the brains behind the entire operation seems to be DAVID YARAS. YARAS has been spending a lot of time at the Laundry and occasionally goes back to his home at Miami, Florida, on the weekends.

CG T-4 advised in August, 1965, that GEORGE BRAVOS had been removed as president of the A-1 Laundry immediately after his arrest on August 17, 1965 on "juice charges" along with WILLIE MESSINO and others. After the arrest LEONARD YARAS was apparently made president of the company and that DAVID YARAS is the guiding hand at A-1 Laundry.

CG T-4 advised that LEONARD YARAS was married on August 24, 1965 in the Chicago area and that the wedding was a quiet family affair. Immediately after the wedding, LEONARD YARAS and his wife left for Los Angeles and Las Vegas for a couple of weeks. CG T-4 advised that GEORGE BRAVOS is probably the biggest "juice man" in Chicago and is the source of money for the WILLIE MESSINO "juice" operation.

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The following investigation was conducted by IC  
[redacted] at Springfield, Illinois:

[redacted] Clerk, Corporation Section,  
Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised on  
August 12, 1965, that a check of records failed to reflect  
any record for Derby Linen Supply Company, Inc., or for  
Service Laundry, Inc. He also advised that records re-  
flect the following:

A-1 Industrial Uniforms, Inc.

DATE ANNUAL REPORT FILED:

June 1, 1965

ADDRESS:

1221 Oakley Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois

REGISTERED AGENT:

GEORGE BRAVOS

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS:

GEORGE BRAVOS

President and Director

715 North Pulaski

Chicago, Illinois

DAVE YARAS

Secretary-Treasurer  
and Director

8042 Knox

Skokie, Illinois

LEONARD YARAS

Director

8042 Knox

Skokie, Illinois

CHARACTER OF BUSINESS:

Deal in industrial uniforms  
and linens

SHARES:

Authorized to issue 400  
shares common stock with  
par value of \$50.00 as of  
the preceding August 31.

STATED CAPITAL:

\$20,000.00 with no paid-in  
surplus.

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Derby Linen Company

ANNUAL REPORT FILED:  
ADDRESS:

January 26, 1965  
141 West Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago 4, Illinois

REGISTERED AGENT:  
OFFICERS & DIRECTORS:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

CHARACTER OF BUSINESS:

Linen supply

SHARES:

Authorized to issue 1,000 shares of common stock with a par value of \$10.00 as of preceding December 31. Issued 100 shares of common stock with a par value of \$10.00 as of preceding December 31.

CAPITAL:

\$1,000.00 with no paid-in surplus.

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Service Laundry Equipment Company, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT FILED:

February 24, 1965

ADDRESS:

6338 North Clarke Street  
Chicago, Illinois

REGISTERED AGENT:

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

6338 North Clarke Street  
Chicago, Illinois

CHARACTER OF BUSINESS:

To buy, sell, lease and otherwise deal in manufacture and distribution of laundry equipment of all kinds and descriptions.

SHARES:

Authorized to issue 200 shares of common stock with no par value as of the preceding December 31. Issued 100 shares of common stock with no par value as of the preceding December 31.

CAPITAL:

\$5,000.00 with no paid-in surplus.

During September, October, and November, 1965, DAVID YARAS and LEONARD YARAS were observed numerous times entering and leaving A-1 Industrial Uniform, Incorporated.. DAVID YARAS was observed entering the A-1 Laundry on November 18, 1965.

On November 15, 1965, DAVID YARAS was observed leaving the A-1 Industrial Uniforms, Incorporated at 5:45 p.m. YARAS went directly to a meeting with GUS ALEX, LEONARD YARAS, and [redacted] in Pete Fish's Restaurant, 160 East Ontario Street, where the group was observed until 8:40 p.m.

On November 9, 1965, [redacted] Clerk, Corporation Section, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, advised that the annual report for A-1 Industrial Uniforms, Incorporated, has no amendments attached at the present time, and that GEORGE BRAVOS is still listed as president of the corporation. [redacted] advised that the annual report for 1966 will not be filed until approximately March 1, 1966, and that at that time it is possible that a change of officers will be reflected in the annual report.

On October 21, 1965, [redacted] Commissioner of Investigations, for Mayor DALEY, City of Chicago, advised that his Office has been looking into the possibility of revoking the license of the A-1 Industrial Uniforms, Incorporated, 1217 North Oakley because of the arrest and unfavorable newspaper publicity concerning GEORGE BRAVOS, president of that company. [redacted] advised that a check with the Chicago Police Department reflects that GEORGE BRAVOS does not have a felony conviction and consequently it would be difficult to revoke the license unless it was further convicted. [redacted] said that A-1 Industrial Uniforms, Incorporated operates under City License Number 22, and is renewed annually and it currently expires December 31, 1965. He said that NICHOLAS BRAVOS, who has a felony conviction, is not listed as an officer of the company, and consequently a revocation of the license could not be founded upon the conviction of NICK BRAVOS.

The FBI Identification Division furnished the Identification Record of GEORGE BRAVOS under FBI Number 336546F, on October 18, 1965. The record reflects an arrest of GEORGE BRAVOS by the Arlington Heights Police Department on August 8, 1959 and an arrest on August 17, 1965 on charges of conspiracy and kidnapping by the Chicago Police Department. There were no other arrests reflected on the record of the FBI Identification Division.

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Chicago letter to Springfield dated 1/31/66.

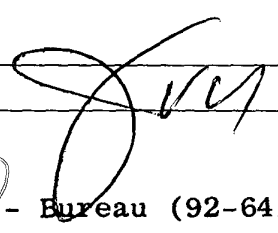
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LEADS

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Will continue to conduct investigation of NICHOLAS and GEORGE BRAVOS.

2. Will follow and report local prosecution of GEORGE BRAVOS on kidnapping and conspiracy charges.

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| <u>Source</u>           | <u>Date Contacted</u> | <u>Contacting Agent</u>               |
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| CG T-1 is<br>[redacted] | 11/22/65              | SA [redacted]<br>[redacted] b2<br>b7D |
| CG T-2 is<br>[redacted] | 11/23/65              | SA [redacted]                         |
| CG T-3 is<br>[redacted] | 1/21/66               | SA [redacted]                         |
| CG T-4 is<br>[redacted] | 2/24/66               | SA [redacted]<br>[redacted]           |

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA   
Date: 3/3/66

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 92-1297

Bureau File #: 92-6410

Title:  
NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Informants at Chicago advise NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS are staying away from A-1 Industrial Laundry due to the pending prosecution of GEORGE BRAVOS on local kidnapping and conspiracy charges. NICK BRAVOS is reportedly soliciting accounts for A-1 Laundry from customers of Vending Corp. of America. The BRAVOS brothers are no longer using the building at 2406 West Chicago Avenue for their "juice" operations. NICK BRAVOS observed during January and February, 1966. GEORGE BRAVOS observed at residence, at Service Laundry Company and at restaurant in River Forest, Illinois with WILLIAM MESSINO during January and February, 1966. GEORGE BRAVOS due to appear March 21, 1966 for hearing on motions on kidnapping and conspiracy charges in local court, Chicago.

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DETAILS:

CG T-1 advised in November, 1965 that NICK BRAVOS is soliciting linen business for A-1 Industrial Laundry and is using the list of customers of Vending Corporation of America which is undoubtedly supplied to him by [redacted] son of DAVID YARAS. The informant advised that [redacted] is [redacted] of Vending Corporation of America.

CG T-2 advised in November, 1965 that NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS are no longer using the pool room and the apartment space above it at 2406 West Chicago Avenue for their "juice" operations. The informant advised that the pool hall and the apartments above it are vacant at the present time.

CG T-3 advised in January, 1966 that NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS are worried over the present local prosecution of GEORGE BRAVOS, WILLIE MESSINO and others in their kidnapping and conspiracy trial. The informant advised that consequently the BRAVOS brothers have stayed away from A-1 Industrial Laundry, 1217 North Oakley, and that the operations of the laundry are being carried on by LEONARD YARAS, a son of DAVID YARAS. The informant advised that DAVID YARAS is reportedly in Florida at the present time, and has not been seen for some time at the A-1 Laundry.

CG T-3 advised further that NICK BRAVOS has been staying close to his home in Des Plaines, Illinois, but that he has been soliciting some business for A-1 Laundry to a limited extent.

CG T-4 advised in February, 1966 that NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS have stayed away from A-1 Industrial Laundry during the pending prosecution of GEORGE BRAVOS on local kidnapping and conspiracy charges. The informant advised that A-1 Laundry is being run at the present time by LEONARD YARAS. The informant advised that GEORGE BRAVOS up until a couple months ago had met often with JASPAR CAMPISE at his "juice" office at 837 West North Avenue has not been near that location for some time.

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The BRAVOS brothers do not want any new information brought against them concerning "juice" until after the conclusion of the trial of GEORGE BRAVOS.

CG T-4 further advised that GEORGE BRAVOS occasionally meets with WILLIE MESSINO at the Golden Bear Pancake House on North Avenue near Harlem.

During spot checks in January and February, 1966 GEORGE BRAVOS was observed on several occasions entering and departing his residence at 715 North Pulaski, Chicago, and NICK BRAVOS entering and departing his residence at 8831 Kathy Lane, Des Plaines, Illinois. During spot checks in January and February, 1966 GEORGE BRAVOS and WILLIAM "WEE WILLIE" MESSINO were observed having breakfast together and conversing at the Golden Bear Pancake House, North Avenue and Bonnie Brae, River Forest, Illinois. GEORGE BRAVOS also was observed entering and departing the Service Laundry Company, 3334 West Lake, Chicago. There were trucks of the A-1 Industrial Laundry parked in the back lot at the Service Laundry Company and on several occasions trucks from the Vending Corporation of America were also observed at this location.

On February 28, 1966, Lieutenant [redacted] Investigator, Illinois Crime Investigating Committee, 300 West Washington, Chicago, advised that the hearing for filing of motions for GEORGE BRAVOS, WILLIAM MESSINO and others in their kidnapping and conspiracy trial has been set for March 21, 1966 before Judge WALTER P. DAHL. The hearing was originally set for December 14, 1965 but a continuance at that time was granted by Judge DAHL.



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Chicago, Illinois

March 3, 1966

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Title           NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
                 GEORGE BRAVOS

Character       ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference       Report of Special Agent [redacted]  
                 [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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Chicago, Illinois  
March 3, 1966

NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS  
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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

Chicago T-1 is an individual who can furnish information concerning numerous Chicago area hoodlums.

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Chicago T-3 is an individual who associates with Chicago area hoodlums.

Chicago T-4 is an individual who associates with Chicago area hoodlums and who can furnish information concerning gambling activities in the Chicago area.

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><b>NICHOLAS BRAVOS, aka;<br/>GEORGE BRAVOS</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div> | TYPED BY<br><b>jeo</b>                        |
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REFERENCES: Report of SA  dated 3/3/66 at Chicago.  
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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to conduct investigation of NICHOLAS and GEORGE BRAVOS.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☒ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: June 28, 1966

Office: Chicago, Illinois

Field Office File #: 92-1297

Bureau File #: 92-6410

Title: NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

Informants at Chicago report the BRAVOS brothers influential in "Greek Town" and are engaged in the "juice" business. A-1 Industrial Uniforms, Inc., reportedly grossing \$1,500,000 yearly and A-1 salesmen are collecting "juice" from customers.

[REDACTED] advised he is friend of BRAVOS brothers. GEORGE BRAVOS observed during spot checks at Chicago. NICK BRAVOS not observed. Local trial of GEORGE BRAVOS set for 7/11/66 at Chicago.

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DETAILS:

CG T-1 advised in March, 1966, that it had come to his attention that NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS were paying little attention to the operation of A-1 Industrial Uniforms, Incorporated.

(It should be noted that DAVID YARAS and his son, LEONARD YARAS, have been reported to be active in the operation of A-1 Industrial Uniforms, Incorporated.)

CG T-1 advised that NICK BRAVOS reportedly owns Allison's Coffee Shop, Rand Road and Route 14, Des Plaines, Illinois, and that the small restaurant is run by a reported hillbilly, name unknown. The location is reportedly a gathering place on Sunday mornings, for a number of the Chicago criminal element.

CG T-1 further advised in March, 1966, that he had heard that the BRAVOS brothers, NICK and GEORGE, put up a considerable amount of the principal money for the "juice" operation of JASPER CAMPISE. This gives the BRAVOS brothers an outlet for "juice" money without being directly involved in the collection of it.

CG T-2 advised in March, 1966, that NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS maintain influence over the area known as "Greek Town", around Halsted and Van Buren Street. It has been reported that the BRAVOS brothers, [redacted] and [redacted] have an interest in the Grecian Gardens Restaurant and Night Club.

CG T-2 advised that in order to have entertainment at a night club in the area, a \$500 fee must be paid to the BRAVOS group who control the entertainment through unions and politics.

CG T-2 further advised in April, 1966, that the BRAVOS brothers, [redacted] and [redacted] are influential in "Greek Town" and that [redacted] who controls the laundry workers union, handles any labor problems that may arise.

CG T-3 advised in April, 1966, that he had heard that NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS were involved in gambling prior to the summer of 1965. CG T-3 said he has no knowledge if the BRAVOS brothers are still so involved.

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CG T-4 advised in May, 1966, that he has learned that A-1 Industrial Uniforms, Incorporated, 1217 North Oakley, Chicago, and operated by the BRAVOS brothers, DAVE YARAS and LEONARD YARAS are grossing approximately \$1,500,000 in services and sales annually. CG T-4 said that he had learned that the salesmen for A-1 laundry conduct a "juice" collection operation in connection with their A-1 customer accounts.

CG T-4 advised that he had heard that the A-1 customers had "juice" payments included on the A-1 service bills.

CG T-4 further advised that although the BRAVOS brothers are careful of direct intimidation of potential customers, there is implied intimidation involved.

On May 23, 1966, [redacted]

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he is the owner of the Golden Horns Steak House in Northlake, Illinois.

[redacted] advised his suppliers are Mid-City Dairy, Mary Ann Baking Company and A-1 Industrial Uniforms, Incorporated. NIKOLAS said he is a good friend of NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS.

During spot checks in April, May and June, 1966, GEORGE BRAVOS was observed at 715 North Pulaski, his residence, and at Service Laundry Company, 3334 West Lake, Chicago. NICK BRAVOS was not observed at his residence at 8831 Kathy Lane, Des Plaines, Illinois.

On June 20, 1966, Lieutenant [redacted] Chicago Police Department, but presently assigned to Illinois Crime Commission, 300 West Washington, Chicago, advised the local kidnapping and conspiracy trial of GEORGE BRAVOS, et al, is to be heard before Judge DAHL on July 11, 1966.



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Chicago, Illinois  
June 28, 1966

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Title           NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
                 GEORGE BRAVOS

Character       ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference       is made to report of Special Agent  
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NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Characterization of Informants

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><b>NICKOLAS BRAVOS, aka;<br/>GEORGE BRAVOS</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>SA EDWARD F. BLOOM</b> | TYPED BY<br><b>lvy</b>                        |
|                                                                     |                                    | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>AR</b>          |                                               |

REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 6/28/66,  
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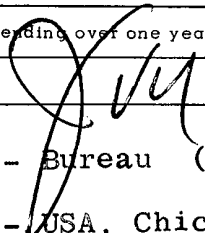
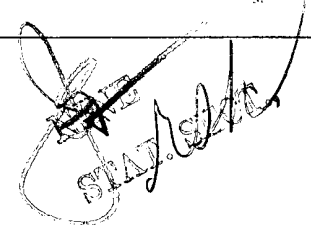
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Case has been: Pending over one year ☒ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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| CG T-2 is<br>[redacted]     | 7/7/66                | SA [redacted]           | b2<br>b7D |
| CG T-3 is<br>PCI [redacted] | 7/27/66               | SA [redacted]           |           |
| CG T-4 is<br>[redacted]     | 8/17/66               | SA [redacted]           |           |

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The investigative period of this report reflects dates and investigation conducted by other offices.

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Copy to: 1 - USA, CHICAGO

Report of: SA EDWARD F. BLOOM  
Date: September 29, 1966

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: 92-1297

Bureau File #: 92-6410

Title: NICKOLAS BRAVOS, aka,  
GEORGE BRAVOS

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Chicago sources advised that GEORGE BRAVOS visits WILLIE MESSINO on average of 2 or 3 nights a week. Sources stated BRAVOS furnishes MESSINO with money for MESSINO'S "juice" operations. Sources stated GEORGE BRAVOS can be seen nightly around 9:30 to 10:00 P.M. at Chicago and Damen Avenues. Lieutenant [REDACTED] Chicago Police Department, advised that since last contacted, no information regarding subjects have come to his attention.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by IC [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Clerk, Corporation Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised on June 14, 1966, that a check of the records failed to reflect any record for the Diamond Laundry.

Chicago T-1 advised on June 29, 1966, that BRAVOS' A-1 Laundry is attempting to buy out another large laundry on the West Side. Sources believe this may have something to do with COSMO POLITACE, 6333 South Cottage Grove, Chicago, Illinois.

Chicago T-2 advised on July 7, 1966, that GEORGE BRAVOS visits WILLIE MESSINO at MESSINO'S home on an average of 2 or 3 nights a week. Sources said BRAVOS furnishes MESSINO with money for MESSINO's "juice" operations.

Chicago T-3 advised on July 27, 1966, that the BRAVOS Brothers attended the wake and funeral of one of the BOULAHANSIS Brothers who operate the Grecian Village Restaurant. Source said the BRAVOS Brothers still control A-1 Laundry with DAVE YARAS.

Chicago T-4 advised on August 17, 1966, that GEORGE BRAVOS can be seen practically every evening around 9:30 to 10:00 P.M. at the Ice Cream Parlor at Chicago and Damen Avenues. Source further advised that BRAVOS has a bunch of young car trunk "poppers" who hang out at this location paying "juice" to him.

On September 15, 1966, Lieutenant [REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department, advised that since last contacted, no current information regarding subject has come to his attention.



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Chicago, Illinois  
September 29, 1966

Title NICKOLAS BRAVOS

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA Edward F. Bloom,  
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Chicago, Illinois  
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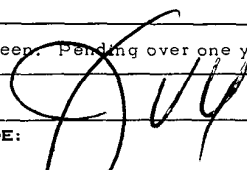
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REFERENCES: Report of SA EDWARD F. BLOOM dated 9/29/66, at Chicago.  
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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to conduct investigation regarding associates and activities of NICHOLAS and GEORGE BRAVOS.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigative period in this report is long due to the fact that the local "juice" trial involving GEORGE BRAVOS was in progress and a disposition of the trial was desired before further reporting of activity.

The subscribers to the telephone numbers set out in the FD 302 dated January 5, 1967, at Chicago, in the body of the report have been and are being set out in separate communications to the appropriate offices for the purpose of identity.

INFORMANTS

| <u>Source</u>        | <u>Date Contacted</u>                 | <u>Contacting Agent</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| CG T-1<br>[redacted] | 10/18/66 and<br>11/23/66              | SA [redacted]           |
| CG T-2<br>[redacted] | 11/14/66,<br>12/12/66 and<br>12/21/66 | SA [redacted]           |

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Copy to: 1-USA, CHICAGO

Office: CHICAGO

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: FEBRUARY 13, 1967

Bureau File #: 92-6410

Field Office File #: 92-1297

Title: NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

Informants advised that A-1 Industrial Uniform, Incorporated, is doing well financially and profits are being put back into the business. The BRAVOS brothers are reported staying away from the laundry due to "juice" trial of GEORGE BRAVOS. Source advised that GEORGE BRAVOS still active in "juice" but is being "careful" during local trial. GEORGE BRAVOS and JOSEPH LOMBARDI on five counts of aggravated kidnaping, convicted by local jury on 1/21/67, with WILLIAM MESSINO, aggravated battery and conspiracy. Sentencing set for 3/10/67 before Cook County Circuit Judge WILLIAM SYLVESTER WHITE, at Chicago. Local Chicago newspapers hailed verdict as the first major "juice" racket convictions.

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DETAILS:

CG T-1 advised in October and November, 1966, that GEORGE BRAVOS was reported to be saying that A-1 Industrial Laundry, 1217 North Oakley, Chicago, was doing very well financially and all profits are being put back into the business. Since the local "juice" trial against GEORGE BRAVOS, WILLIE MESSINO, et al, the BRAVOS brothers GEORGE and NICHOLAS have been reported to be staying away from the A-1 Laundry. The business there is being run by DAVID YARAS and his son LEONARD YARAS. NICHOLAS BRAVOS has been staying close to his home in Des Plaines, Illinois, but GEORGE has been seen frequently on the west side of Chicago.

CG T-2 advised in November and December, 1966, that a business card carried by NICHOLAS BRAVOS shows the following:

A-1 Linen Supply Company  
Division of A-1 Industrial Uniforms  
Company, Inc.  
3330 West Lake  
Chicago, Illinois 60624  
Phone: 826-3167  
NICK BRAVOS

CG T-2 further advised that NICHOLAS and GEORGE BRAVOS have been seen at Perry's Coffee Shop, 5148 West Madison, which the informant described as a "hoodlum hangout." CG T-2 advised that the BRAVOS brothers may actually own this coffee shop.

CG T-2 further advised that GEORGE BRAVOS is a close friend of [redacted] a well-known burglar and jewel thief. GEORGE BRAVOS has [redacted] paying "juice" money to him because he put up the money for [redacted] bond in a Florida burglary case. GEORGE BRAVOS is still reported to be active in "juice" but is being extremely "careful" during his local "juice" trial.

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1Date January 6, 1967

The records of the [redacted]  
[redacted] were reviewed and  
the following long distance calls were obtained for published  
telephone number [redacted] subscribed to by [redacted]  
[redacted]

| Date       | City Called | Number | Other Data |
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The above records are confidential and can only be obtained  
through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to an  
appropriate official of the [redacted]

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On 1/5/67 at Chicago, Illinois File # 92-2233by SA [redacted] /hkf Date dictated 1/6/67

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On January 21, 1967, GEORGE BRAVOS, WILLIAM MESSINO and JOSEPH LOMBARDI, Jr. were found guilty by a jury in the local "juice" trial on five counts of aggravated kidnaping, aggravated battery and conspiracy. The trial was described by local Chicago, Illinois newspapers as "stormy" due to the prominence of six defense attorneys. GEORGE BRAVOS was represented by Attorney MICHAEL J. BRODKIN. The trial was presided over by Cook County Circuit Judge WILLIAM SYLVESTER WHITE and sentencing and the motion date for appeal was set for March 10, 1967. GEORGE BRAVOS, MESSINO and LOMBARDI face a sentence from one year to life.

[redacted] a former savings and loan association director, was found guilty of conspiracy and faces a maximum sentence of six months.

The "juice" victims' local contractors, [redacted] and [redacted] all testify to borrowing \$160,000, falling behind on payments and being kidnaped and beaten by BRAVOS, MESSINO, and LOMBARDI.

[redacted] a girl friend of MESSINO, and [redacted] [redacted] of Bee Gee Builders, were indicted along with BRAVOS, MESSINO, LOMBARDI, and [redacted] but were acquitted on directed verdicts during the trial.

The local "juice" trial was given extensive coverage by local Chicago newspapers and the convictions were heralded as the first major prosecution of the "juice" racket in Chicago.



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Chicago, Illinois  
February 13, 1967

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Title NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent  
 dated  
and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is an individual who associates with numerous Chicago area hoodlums.

CG T-2 is an individual who is in a position to furnish information concerning certain activities of Chicago area hoodlums.

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><b>NICHOLAS BRAVOS, aka;<br/>GEORGE BRAVOS</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>SA [REDACTED]</b> | TYPED BY<br><b>jep</b>                      |
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REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 2/13/67, at Chicago.

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Two (2) copies of LHM characterizing informants set out in this report.

LEADSCHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. (1) Will continue to conduct investigation regarding associates and activities of NICHOLAS and GEORGE BRAVOS.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☒ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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(2) Will follow and report results of local prosecution of GEORGE BRAVOS re "juice" trial.

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| <u>Source</u>               | <u>Date Contacted</u> | <u>Contacting Agent</u> |
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| CG T-1 is PCI<br>[redacted] | 2/10 and 3/23/67      | SA [redacted]           |
| CG T-2 is<br>[redacted]     | 2/17 and 4/12/67      | SA [redacted]           |
| CG T-3 is<br>[redacted]     | 3/7/67                | SA [redacted]           |
| CG T-4 is<br>[redacted]     | 3/23/67               | SA [redacted]           |

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Office:

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Date:

5/5/67

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 92-6410

Title:

NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Informants at Chicago advise NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS are staying away from A-1 Laundry due to adverse publicity in local "juice" trial. GEORGE BRAVOS reported to be a sick man. The BRAVOS brothers reportedly large scale operators in "juice" and supply money to the Chicago "outfit" juicemen. GEORGE BRAVOS sentenced on 4/25/67, on five counts in local "juice" trial and sentenced to 5 to 20 years on aggravated kidnaping. GEORGE BRAVOS observed at residence and in company of WILLIAM MESSINO in Chicago. NICK BRAVOS was not observed during spot checks at residence in Des Plaines, Illinois, during February, March and April, 1967.

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DETAILS:

CG T-1 advised in February, 1967, that NICK and GEORGE BRAVOS of A-1 Industrial Laundry, 1217 North Oakley, Chicago, are staying away from the laundry due to the adverse publicity concerning the "juice" trail of GEORGE BRAVOS, WILLIE MESSINO, ET AL. LEONARD YARAS, the son of DAVID YARAS of Miami, is president of A-1 Laundry and is there on almost a daily basis running the company.

CG T-1 further advised in March, 1967, that GEORGE BRAVOS has not been at the A-1 Laundry for some time but stays near his residence at 715 North Pulaski Road, Chicago.

CG T-2 advised in February, 1967, he had heard that GEORGE BRAVOS, WILLIE MESSINO, and JOE LOMBARDI would get no help from the high ranking members of the Chicago criminal element concerning their "juice" trial. The informant said that nothing would be done to effect a "fix" in case the defendants receive stiff sentences. The informant said that members of the criminal element in Chicago are upset and displeased that MESSINO, BRAVOS and LOMBARDI beat up the [ ] brothers in order to extract "juice".

CG T-2 further advised in April, 1967, that he had heard that it is being said among members of the Chicago criminal element that GEORGE BRAVOS is a sick man. The essence of the discussions is that if BRAVOS is sentenced to a long term, he will never live through it and return from prison.

CG T-3 advised in March, 1967, that JASPER CAMPISE's son was married at one time to the daughter of NICK BRAVOS, but they are not divorced.

CG T-4 advised in March, 1967, that AL SARNO is now handling most of WILLIE MESSINO's "juice" accounts and is dealing directly with GEORGE and NICK BRAVOS. The BRAVOS

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brothers are reportedly large scale "juice" operators and furnish money to the Chicago "outfit" juicemen.

On April 25, 1967, [ ] Assistant States Attorney, Cook County, advised that on that date the following sentences were handed down by Cook County Circuit Judge WILLIAM SYLVESTER WHITE in the "juice" trial concerning the CHIAGOURIS brothers:

WILLIAM MESSINO - five counts

|                            |   |             |
|----------------------------|---|-------------|
| #1 - Aggravated Kidnapping | - | 10-30 years |
| #2 - " "                   | - | " "         |
| #3 - Aggravated Battery    | - | 5-10 years  |
| #4 - " "                   | - | 1-10 years  |
| #5 - Conspiracy            | - | six months  |

JOSEPH J. LOMBARDI, JR. - five counts

|                            |   |            |
|----------------------------|---|------------|
| #1 - Aggravated Kidnapping | - | 7-20 years |
| #2 - " "                   | - | " "        |
| #3 - Aggravated Battery    | - | 5-10 years |
| #4 - " "                   | - | 1-10 years |
| #5 - Conspiracy            | - | six months |

GEORGE BRAVCS - five counts

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| #1 - Aggravated Kidnapping | - | 5-20 years |
| #2 - " "                   | - | " "        |
| #3 - Aggravated Battery    | - | 1-10 years |
| #4 - " "                   | - | " "        |
| #5 - Conspiracy            | - | six months |

The records of the Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, show that 1967 Illinois license plates DA 7645 were issued to GEORGE BRAVCS, 715 North Pulaski Road, Chicago, Illinois, for a 1965 Pontiac two-door sedan.

The following observations were made by SA [ ]

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February 28, 1967

10:30 a.m. - GEORGE BRAVOS left his residence at 715 North Pulaski Road, Chicago, and entered his white Pontiac sedan, bearing 1967 Illinois license plates DA 7645, and drove north on Pulaski Road. He was last seen driving west on Augusta near Pulaski Road at 10:37 a.m.

April 7, 1967

12:05 p.m. - GEORGE BRAVOS was observed walking west on the north side of Chicago Avenue near Pulaski Road. He walked directly to Maryann's Pancake Restaurant, 3756 West Chicago Avenue, entering at 12:11 p.m.

12:25 p.m. - BRAVOS departed Maryann's Pancake Restaurant and walked to and stood in front of the Morreale Furniture Store, 3742 West Chicago Avenue.

12:30 p.m. - BRAVOS was joined by WILLIAM MESSINO, CHRIS CARDI and [REDACTED] They stood in front of the furniture store conversing.

12:35 p.m. - An unknown individual, described as a white male, 5'7", 180 pounds, curly hair, approached the above group driving a lavender Pontiac sedan, bearing 1967 Illinois license plates CU 3340.

12:37 p.m. - BRAVOS, MESSINO and the unknown male pulled up in front of Crystal Drugs, 2559 West North Avenue. The unknown departed the car and entered the drug store.

12:45 p.m. - The unknown individual returned to the car and drove to 2039 West North Avenue, where MESSINO and BRAVOS departed the car.

12:47 p.m. - MESSINO and BRAVOS entered the North Avenue Hotel and Luxor Baths, Inc., 2039 West North Avenue. The unknown male was last observed driving east on North Avenue at Ashland Avenue.

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During spot checks at 8831 Kathy Lane, Des Plaines, Illinois, in February, March, and April, 1967, neither NICK BRAVOS or any member of his family were observed.



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| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><b>NICHOLAS BRAVOS, aka;<br/>GEORGE BRAVOS</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div> | TYPED BY<br><b>jlc</b>                          |
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REFERENCE: Report of SA  dated 5/5/67 at Chicago,

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LEADSCHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to conduct investigation concerning associates and activities of the BRAVOS brothers.

Pending over 1 year - Yes

Pending Prosecution over six months - No

Accomplishments Claimed: None

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Report of:

Office: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Date:

August 4, 1967

Field Office File #: 92-1297

Bureau File #: 92-6410

Title: NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

Informants at Chicago advise the BRAVOS brothers active in "juice" and supply the GAGLIANO - MESSINO group with "juice" money. NICK BRAVOS stays close to residence, but GEORGE BRAVOS observed with WILLIAM MESSINO and JOSEPH GAGLIANO. GEORGE BRAVOS reportedly in ill health and in fear of death if imprisoned on local "juice" conviction.

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DETAILS:

CG T-1 advised in May, 1967, that [ ] a "juice" collector for WILLIAM MESSINO, is in daily contact with NICK BRAVOS and that BRAVOS supplies the money for the new "juice" loans. The informant said that the BRAVOS brothers, NICK and GEORGE, have been supplying "juice" money to the GAGLIANO-MESSINO group for years. GEORGE BRAVOS is also active as a collector, but NICK stays more in the background.

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CG T-2 advised in May, 1967, that the BRAVOS brothers are still active in the "juice" business and are mostly inactive in gambling and bookmaking. GEORGE BRAVOS "hangs around" the Chicago Avenue - Pulaski area near his home and has been fairly quiet since his local "juice" conviction which he is appealing. NICK BRAVOS stays close to his residence in Des Plaines and is rarely seen in Chicago lately.

CG T-2 advised that GEORGE BRAVOS is in ill health and just about worries himself to death because of his fear of confinement if the appeal fails.

CG T-3 advised in May, 1967, that GEORGE BRAVOS looks very bad and is reportedly a sick man. BRAVOS has reportedly stated that if he goes to prison it will kill him. The informant said that BRAVOS frequents Mary Ann's Pancake Restaurant, 3756 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, and contacts WILLIE MESSINO and JOSEPH GAGLIANO at that location.

CG T-4 advised in July, 1967, that GEORGE BRAVOS visited the offices of the law firm of BBeber and Brodtkin, 188 West Randolph, Chicago, on July 14, 1967, in the morning hours. He was also observed in the Randolph Towers Barber Shop in the building where he got a hair cut. [ ] of the law firm represented GEORGE BRAVOS in his local "juice" trial and is appealing the conviction for him.

During spot checks in May, June, and July, 1967, GEORGE BRAVOS was observed numerous times by SA [ ] at his residence of 715 North Pulaski, Chicago, and in the vicinity of Mary Ann's Pancake Restaurant. He was observed with WILLIAM MESSINO, CHRIS CARDI, and JOSEPH GAGLIANO at the pancake house.

During spot checks at 8831 Kathy Lane, Des Plaines, Illinois, the residence of NICHOLAS BRAVOS, in May, June, and July, 1967, neither BRAVOS or any member of his family were observed.



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August 4, 1967

NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS  
ANTI- RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] dated and captioned as above at Chicago.

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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is an individual who associates with Chicago area hoodlums.

CG T-2 is an individual who is in a position to furnish information concerning the Bravos brothers.

CG T-3 is an individual who can furnish information concerning the Bravos brothers.

CG T-4 is an individual who is in a position to furnish information concerning Chicago area hoodlums.

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><b>NICHOLAS BRAVOS, aka;<br/>GEORGE BRAVOS</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>SA [REDACTED]</b>            | TYPED BY<br><b>mmg</b>                          |
|                                                                     |                                    | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b> |                                                 |

REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/4/67, at Chicago.  
 Cleveland letter to Chicago dated 7/31/67.  
 Detroit letter to Chicago dated 8/2/67.  
 Omaha letter to Chicago dated 8/7/67.  
 Albany letter to Chicago dated 8/9/67.  
 Milwaukee letter to Chicago dated 8/24/67.  
 New York letter to Chicago dated 8/28/67.  
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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to conduct investigation concerning the associates and activities of the BRAVOS brothers.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigative period in this report is long due to the fact the reporting agent was absent from work a greater part of August and September, 1967, due to an operation having been performed. The agent has also been assigned to a considerable amount of non-criminal intelligence program work.

Informants

| <u>Source</u>                         | <u>Date of Contact</u> | <u>Contacting Agent</u> |
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| CG T-1<br>PCI [REDACTED]<br>CV 74-100 | 11/7/67                | SA [REDACTED]           |
| CG T-2<br>[REDACTED]                  | 7/11/67                | Cleveland Division      |

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: Chicago  
Date: 1/18/68

Field Office File #: 92-1297 Bureau File #: 92-6410

Title: NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Informant at Chicago advises NICK BRAVOS frequents bathhouse on Touhy Avenue, Chicago, but GEORGE BRAVOS staying near his residence and reportedly in poor health. GEORGE BRAVOS observed with JOSEPH GAGLIANO, WILLIAM MESSINO and CHRIS CARDI in Mary Ann's Pancake Restaurant, Chicago. Spot checks show GEORGE BRAVOS still residing at 715 North Pulaski, Chicago. NICHOLAS BRAVOS observed at residence at 8831 Kathy Lane, Des Plaines, Illinois. Information concerning subscribers to telephone numbers called from A-1 Industrial Uniforms, Inc., set out.

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Activities and Associates

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CG T-1 advised in November, 1967, that NICK BRAVOS frequents the bath house at Touhy and Western Avenue, Chicago. GEORGE BRAVOS has not been seen with him and evidently is staying near his residence at 715 North Pulaski, Chicago. GEORGE BRAVOS is reportedly in poor health and constantly worries over his local conviction on aggravated kidnaping and the possibility he will have to spend at least seven years in jail.

Investigation at A-1 Industrial Uniforms, Incorporated, 1217 North Oakley, Chicago, shows a female driving a late model Ford Thunderbird with 1967 Illinois License Plates KE 7518. It is believed this individual is a secretary in the office of A-1 Laundry.

Records of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, Auto Registration Section, show the above license registered to [redacted] doing business as R and A Shell Service Station, southwest corner, Route Number 53, Itasca, Illinois, on Drivers License A 431-0163-4137.

Records of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, Drivers License Section, show the above drivers license was issued to [redacted] [redacted] The license describes [redacted] as 5'10", 160 pounds, date of birth [redacted] brown hair and blue eyes.

Observations

During spot checks in October, November, and December, 1967, GEORGE BRAVOS was observed numerous times either entering or departing the residence at 715 North Pulaski Road, Chicago. This address is the residence of GEORGE BRAVOS who lives with his daughter, [redacted]

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During spot checks in October, November, and December, 1967, at 8831 Kathy Lane, Des Plaines, Illinois, the residence of NICHOLAS BRAVOS, BRAVOS, was observed several times entering and departing the residence.

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Date 8/9/671

At 12:10 P.M., JOSEPH CAGLIANO, GEORGE BRAVOS, CHRIS ~~CARDI~~, a Chicago Police Department Sergeant and two other unknown white males were observed in conversation in the Mary Ann's Pancake Restaurant, 3700 block, West Chicago Avenue.

Upon observing the agents, CAGLIANO went out the rear door of above restaurant and the Chicago Police Sergeant entered a Chicago Police Department auto and drove west on Chicago Avenue.

CARDI was observed shortly thereafter driving a 1967 black Caprice, bearing 1967 Illinois license 551-240.

Above license number is listed to

On 8/2/67 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 92-1315

SAS  and  
by EUGENE I. SATHIER/gh Date dictated 8/4/67

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Date August 10, 1967

At 12:10 P. M. an unknown white male was observed sitting at the counter in Wavy Ann's Pancake Restaurant, 3756 West Chicago Avenue, talking with GEORGE BRAVOS.

At 12:15 P. M. the above unknown white male was observed walking west in the 3800 block of west Chicago Avenue with [REDACTED]. The unknown white male above is described as 6 feet, 1 inch, 215 pounds, graying hair, well dressed in a green sport coat and darker green slacks, and wearing glasses.

When the above two individuals were opposite the Chicago Linoleum and Tile Company 3816 West Chicago Avenue, the unknown white male entered [REDACTED] six. [REDACTED] continued to the corner where she entered a 1967 Chevrolet sedan bearing 1967 Illinois license 551-754.

At 12:19 P. M. the unknown white male exited above tile store and entered the above automobile on the driver's side. They drove west to a gas station at the corner of Harding and Chicago Avenue where [REDACTED] exited above car and entered a 1967 black over white sedan bearing 1967 Illinois license BX3174.

The unknown white male was last observed driving west on Chicago Avenue and [REDACTED] was last observed east on Chicago Avenue at 12:21 P. M.

Current registration indicates that 1967 Illinois license 551-754 is listed to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

1967 Illinois license BX3174 is listed to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

It should be noted that [REDACTED] is a known girlfriend of JOSEPH GAGLIANO.

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SA's [REDACTED] CG 92-1315  
by EUGENE I. SATHER / vel Date dictated 8/9/67

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Date August 28, 1967

The following observation was made:

2:23 PM

GEORGE BRAVOS was observed at the corner (NE) of Chicago Avenue and Hamlin. BRAVOS car, a 1963 white Pontiac sedan, 1967 Illinois license DA 7645, was parked by that corner facing north on Hamlin. The car was occupied by an unknown male, age 35-40, dark complexioned. This person was sitting behind the steering wheel and was completely ignored by BRAVOS who passed next to the car after BRAVOS observed the Agents.

2:29 PM

BRAVOS continued walking north on Hamlin toward Iowa without looking back until he reached the middle of the block. He then slowly peeked around toward his car and was starting back toward it when he again observed the Agents. He then abruptly turned around and walked north toward Iowa once again.

The unknown male in the car of BRAVOS drove from the curb where he was parked and then turned west in the alley between Hamlin and Avers. He was last observed exiting the alley near Avers at 2:35 PM.

2:35 PM

BRAVOS was last observed walking west at the corner of Hamlin and Iowa toward Avers.

On 8/24/67 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 92-1197SA [redacted]  
SA EUGENE I. SATHRE /hvjDate dictated 8/28/67

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At 12:15 p.m. on September 12, 1967, SAs EUGENE I. SATHER and [ ] observed the following individuals sitting together in Mary Ann's Pancake Restaurant, 3756 West Chicago Avenue:

JOSEPH GAGLIANO  
WILLIAM MESSINO  
CHRIS CARDI

Unknown male (believed to be called [ ])  
Unknown male (later observed driving a white Chevrolet bearing Illinois 1967 license AA 1843 which is registered to Aaction, Inc., 70 West Lake, Chicago)

At 12:25 p.m., JOSEPH GAGLIANO was observed at the drugstore on the corner of Hamlin and Chicago filling a one gallon red plastic container with Corrinis water. GAGLIANO then waited on the corner and apparently was waiting for someone to pick him up.

At 12:20 p.m., CHRIS CARDI and [ ] drove up to the corner in GAGLIANO's Buick Riviera bearing Illinois 1967 license JG 1731.

GAGLIANO observed the surveilling agents at this point and waved CARDI away. CARDI then drove east on Chicago Avenue.

At this time, GEORGE BRAVOS drove up to the corner and waved to GAGLIANO, however, GAGLIANO did not wave back.

On the belief that GAGLIANO intended to use the water in the red plastic container for the batteries in his boat, SAs SATHER and [ ] proceeded to Burnham Harbor.

At 1:00 p.m., GAGLIANO, CARDI and [ ] drove up in GAGLIANO's Buick Riviera. All three immediately boarded

On 9/12/67 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 92-1315

by SAs EUGENE I. SATHER and [ ] jep Date dictated 9/12/67

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the Chris Craft motor yacht "Stardust III" in slip 28.

On observing the surveilling agents all three immediately left the boat and walked north to a pay telephone where GAGLIANO made a telephone call. They then got in GAGLIANO's car and drove off.

SAs SATHER and [ ] briefly followed the above car but then immediately doubled back to Burnham Harbor. At 1:15 p.m. the above three individuals returned in GAGLIANO's car. GAGLIANO got out and boarded the boat in slip 28. CARDI and [ ] immediately drove off.

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Information Regarding Telephone  
Calls From A-1 Industrial Uniforms,  
Incorporated, 1217 North Oakley, Chicago

It was previously reported that the following telephone calls had been made from A-1 Laundry:

Utica, New York RA 4-9632

Cleveland, Ohio 621-4587

Detroit, Michigan 961-9850

Jonesboro,  
Arkansas WE 5-4000

Elkhorn, Wisconsin 723-2960

New York, New York YU 8-4583

Marion, Iowa 377-5194

The following investigation at Utica, New York, was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

Polk's Utica City Directory, 1966 edition, Numerical Telephone Directory, Utica, New York, lists Telephone Number RA 4-9632, to Darman Manufacturing Company, Incorporated, 1410 Lincoln, Utica.

The directory, under Darman Manufacturing Company, Incorporated, lists [REDACTED] President and Treasurer, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Vice-Presidents. [REDACTED] is listed as Secretary.

A check with the New York State Police Headquarters reflected no criminal record concerning the above listed officers of the Darman Corporation.

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Senior Investigator [redacted]  
[redacted] New York State Police, Utica.  
advised he was personally acquainted with the [redacted]  
family and knew them to be legitimate businessmen.  
He stated that [redacted] the Secretary of the  
concern, is a daughter of [redacted]

A check with the Utica, New York, Credit  
Bureau indicated there was no unfavorable credit  
information concerning any of the above listed officers  
of the Darman Corporation.

CG T-2 advised that Cleveland telephone number  
621-4587, which is a non-published number, is listed to  
NUNZIO TRISCARO, 2191 East 19th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

It should be noted that Mr. LOUIS TRISCARO,  
also known as BABE, is President of Teamsters Local 436,  
Excavating Building Material, Construction Drivers and  
Race Track Employees Union, located at 2191 East 19th  
Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

TRISCARO is reportedly a close associate of  
JIMMY HOFFA, Teamsters President, and in Cleveland  
maintains close contact with JOHN T. SCALISH and TONY  
MILANO, who are both reportedly members of the Cleveland  
criminal element.

Detroit telephone number 961-9850 is a published  
number in the name of Maid-Rite Garment Manufacturers,  
1025 Brush, Detroit, Michigan.

The telephone directory for Jonesboro, Arkansas,  
reflects telephone number WE 5-4000 is listed in the name  
of East Arkansas Linen and Uniform Service. The city  
directory for Jonesboro, Arkansas, reflects this firm is  
[redacted] and the firm is located at 3235  
East Matthews Street in Jonesboro.

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Captain [redacted] Jonesboro, Arkansas, Police Department, and [redacted] Chief Deputy Sheriff, Jonesboro, advised the records of their office contain no criminal record concerning [redacted]. [redacted] advised he has known LAMBERTH for several years as a legitimate businessman and has never known him to be involved in any type of trouble.

[redacted] of the Credit Bureau of Arkansas, advised the records of his office reflect that [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] resided at [redacted] and enjoy a satisfactory credit rating.

The Elkhorn, Wisconsin, Telephone Directory lists Telephone Number 723-2960, to the Lakeland Hospital, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

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Date 8/4/671

The records of the [redacted]  
revealed the following background information:

Telephone number:  
Name and address:

Additional listing:  
Bills to:  
Connected:  
Type of Service:  
Employment:

Occupation:  
Bank:

[redacted]

The above information is not to be made public  
except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of  
a subpoena duces tecum, which should be directed to [redacted]

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On 7/26/67 at New York, New York File # NY 92-4830  
CG 92-1297  
by SA WALTER E. TAYLOR:lor Date dictated 7/31/67

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The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as furnished by [redacted] to IC [redacted] revealed a Credit Report (no date) for [redacted] residing at [redacted]

On August 25, 1967, records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification were checked by SA AUGUST J. MIECEK and contain no criminal record for [redacted]

Information from the New York Office revealed that during the course of investigation captioned [redacted], aka; ITWI" Office of Origin Miami, New York File 162-436, Miami File 165-322, indicated a call was placed to [redacted]. Credit and arrest checks were negative during December, 1965.

During the course of investigation captioned [redacted] ITWI", New York File 165-565, telephone subscriber [redacted] was identified as recipient of a call from the phone to which [redacted] may have had access.

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1Date August 7, 1967b6  
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Chief of Police LEIGHTON FORD, Marion, Iowa Police Department, advised directories for the greater Cedar Rapids - Marion, Iowa area reflected telephone # 377-5184 is presently issued to Mrs. GRACE D. STEPHENSON, 1084 1/2 10th Street, Marion, Iowa. Chief FORD explained records of his department failed to reflect any information identifiable with STEPHENSON. He further identified STEPHENSON as a "middle-aged divorcee" who has lived alone at the above address for the past several years, and a person of good reputation.

Chief FORD advised the names NICHOLAS BRAVOS and GEORGE BRAVOS are unknown to his records. He said there is no Credit Bureau or other agency engaged in the collection and dissemination of credit information in the immediate Marion, Iowa, area, which area is serviced in this regard by the Cedar Rapids, Iowa Credit Bureau.

On 8/1/67 at Marion, Iowa File # OM 92-475  
by SA [redacted] CAC Date dictated 8/2/67

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[redacted] Clerk, Cedar Rapids, Iowa Credit Bureau, 405 Granby Building, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, advised records of that office reflected Mrs. GRACE D. STEPHENSON, 1084 1/2 10th Street, Marion, Iowa, has been known to those files since 1954. She has lived at the above address for the past five years, and prior to this lived with her mother, FLORENCE O. JACKSON, at 1353 I Avenue Northeast, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. GRACE D. STEPHENSON is the divorced former wife of one [redacted]. This union was dissolved sometime prior to 1954, and there is no indication of any association between them since.

Mrs. MILL further identified GRACE D. STEPHENSON as a 57-year-old white female who was formerly employed as a clerk by the Smualkoff Furniture Company, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and at one time was employed as a clerk at the Montrose Hotel in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The above files, according to [redacted] indicated that [redacted] formerly operated an unidentified business at Humboldt, Iowa, prior to 1954. Records above reflected a favorable local credit reputation for GRACE D. STEPHENSON.

[redacted] explained the above information represented the limits reflected in those files possibly identifiable with GRACE D. STEPHENSON.

On 8/1/67 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa File # OM 92-475  
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 8/2/67

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Chicago, Illinois  
January 18, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. CG 92-1297

Title           NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
                 GEORGE BRAVOS

Character       ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference       is made to report of Special  
                 Agent [redacted] dated  
                 and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><b>NICHOLAS BRAVOS, aka;<br/>GEORGE BRAVOS</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>SA [REDACTED]</b>            | TYPED BY<br><b>prk</b>                        |
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REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/18/67 at Chicago.  
Chicago letter to Springfield dated 5/31/68.  
Springfield letter to Chicago dated 7/17/68.  
Chicago letter to Springfield dated 7/30/68.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to conduct investigation concerning the associates and activities of NICHOLAS and GEORGE BRAVOS.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigation in this report is long due to the fact that the reporting Agent has been assigned a considerable amount of non-CIP work. The Agent, for the past one and one-half months, has been assigned full time to a surveillance in case entitled "Family Amusement Center, 5913 West Roosevelt Road, Cicero, Illinois; ECT". (Chicago file 179-2).

At the specific request of the Bureau, a case entitled "GEORGE BRAVOS; ECT" (Chicago file 179-24), was opened on July 11, 1968, and investigation will be directed toward the "juice" activities of both GEORGE and NICHOLAS BRAVOS.

INFORMANTS

| <u>Source</u>          | <u>Date of Contact</u> | <u>Contacting Agent</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| CGT-1 is<br>[redacted] | 12/28/67               | SA [redacted]           |
| CGT-2 is<br>[redacted] | 7/25/68                | SA [redacted]           |

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Copy to: 1-USA, CHICAGO

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: August 16, 1968

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: 92-1297

Bureau File #: 92-6410

Title: NICHOLAS BRAVOS,  
GEORGE BRAVOS

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Informants at Chicago, advised GEORGE BRAVOS in "juice" business and local convicted to be appealed to State Supreme Court if necessary. Interviews at Chicago, reflect GEORGE and NICK BRAVOS no longer in control of A-1 Laundry. Records of Illinois Secretary of State, show BRAVOS brothers not officers or directors of A-1 Laundry. Interview set out with [REDACTED] who advised he was on "juice" to NICK BRAVOS.

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DETAILS:

CG T-1 advised in December, 1967, that GEORGE BRAVOS was in the "juice" business in the early 1960's, and had loaned some large sums of money at that time. BRAVOS was a close associate of JOHN "JOHNNY the Bug" VARELLI and evidently VARELLI "steered" customers to BRAVOS.

CG T-2 advised in July, 1968, that GUS ALEX had instructed GEORGE BIEBER, the attorney, to handle the appeal of GEORGE BRAVOS, WILLIAM MESSINO, JOSEPH LOMBARDI and [redacted] and take the appeal all the way up to the Illinois Supreme Court if necessary. This concerned the conviction in local court in the extortion-kidnapping case of the [redacted] brothers.

On April 29, 1968, [redacted] Clerk, Illinois State Appellate Court of Cook County, District Number 1, Chicago, advised that WILLIAM MESSINO, GEORGE BRAVOS and JOSEPH LOMBARDI, currently out on bond awaiting appeal, were scheduled to file briefs on May 21, 1968. These would be answered by the State of Illinois, and it would probably be early fall, 1968, before the Appellate Division would rule on the appeals.

On January 24, 1968, LEONARD M. YARAS, President, A-1 Industrial Uniforms, Incorporated, 1217 North Oakley, advised that neither GEORGE BRAVOS, NICK BRAVOS or DAVID YARAS had any connection with A-1 Laundry. He said GEORGE BRAVOS relinquished all control in the company after his local conviction on kidnapping and extortion.

On February 23, 1968, [redacted] of A-1 Industrial Uniforms, Incorporated, advised that the BRAVOS brothers, GEORGE and NICK have not been connected with the laundry for over a year.

On February 26, 1968, [redacted] advised she is the daughter of GEORGE BRAVOS, who resides with her. She said A-1 Laundry is being run by LEONARD YARAS, and GEORGE and NICHOLAS BRAVOS have no control or interest in the laundry. She declined further discussion of the matter.

Records of the Illinois Secretary of State's Office show that an annual report was filed February 9, 1968, for A-1 Industrial Uniforms, Incorporated, 1221 Oakley Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, and reflects the following officers:

LEONARD YARAS, President, Treasurer, Director

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On July 25, 1968, [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] advised he is [REDACTED] of the Pixie Beauty Shoppe, 8550 Golf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois. He said he became indebted to NICHOLAS BRAVOS in the amount of \$2,000.00, in approximately 1965. He eventually was indebted to NICHOLAS BRAVOS for the amount of \$4,000.00, and was making large "juice" payments.

[REDACTED] said he finally went to the Chicago Police Department in 1967, and was at that time indebted to several "juice" collectors beside BRAVOS. He said the "juice" men never bothered him again after he went to the police and he has never paid back \$10,000.00 total in "juice" still outstanding.

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] a hairdresser, was a main "juice" collector for NICHOLAS BRAVOS. [REDACTED] said he is not presently bothered by anyone at the present concerning "juice" and would be reluctant to testify in the future concerning this type of activity.

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At 12:30 p.m., on February 13, 1968, SAs EUGENE I. SATHER and [ ] observed WILLIAM MESSINO, JOSEPH GAGLIANO, and CHRIS CARDI in the Bar Nationale at 3854 West Chicago Avenue. It was noted that there are now doors allowing entrance from Bar Nationale at 3854 West Chicago Avenue to the stores on either side of this address. New pool tables have been set up in the adjoining store east of the Bar Nationale and amusement devices have been set up in the adjoining store west of the Bar Nationale. The Bar Nationale itself has been remodeled and appears to be a restaurant.

CHRIS CARDI's black Chevrolet, bearing 1968 Illinois license 825 524, and JOSEPH GAGLIANO's black over dark green Buick Riviera, bearing 1968 Illinois license BP 1731, were parked in the parking lot of the bowling alley in the 3900 block on Chicago Avenue.

At 12:38 p.m., GEORGE BRAVOS was observed to enter the Bar Nationale at which time MESSINO, GAGLIANO, and CARDI were observed to still be in the Bar Nationale.

On 2/13/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # Chicago 92-1328

by SAs EUGENE I. SATHER and  
[ ] LAW/MDW

Date dictated 2/13/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

August 16, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. CG 92-1297

Title NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
 dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><b>NICHOLAS BRAVOS, aka;<br/>GEORGE BRAVOS</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 150px;"></div> | TYPED BY<br><b>mah</b>                            |
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REFERENCE: Report of SA  dated 8/16/68 at Chicago.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to conduct investigation concerning the activities and associates of NICHOLAS and GEORGE BRAVOS.

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Report of: SA   
Date: October 28, 1968

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 92-1297

Bureau File #: 92-6410

Title: NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

GEORGE BRAVOS continues to reside at 715 North Pulaski, Chicago, Illinois.. NICHOLAS BRAVOS continues to reside at 8831 Kathy Lane, Des Plaines, Illinois. GEORGE BRAVOS observed with WILLIAM MESSINO, JOSEPH GAGLIANO and CHRIS CARDI at Chicago and observed in La Grange Park, Illinois, driving car registered to

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DETAILS:

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Residence

GEORGE BRAVOS continues to reside at 715 North Pulaski, Chicago, Illinois.

NICHOLAS BRAVOS continues to reside at 8831 Kathy Lane, Des Plaines, Illinois.

Associates

On September 10, 1968 at 12:35 p.m., SAs [ ] and [ ] observed GEORGE BRAVOS sitting at the counter of Mary Ann's Pancake Restaurant, 3756 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, looking out the front window. At the same time JOSEPH GAGLIANO, CHRIS CARDI, and an unknown male were sitting in a booth at the rear of the restaurant.

On September 23, 1968, at 12:45 p.m. SAs [ ] and [ ] observed GEORGE BRAVOS and WILLIAM MESSINO sitting together in a booth in Mary Ann's Pancake Restaurant. MESSINO departed the restaurant shortly thereafter and BRAVOS remained in the booth.

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The following observation was made on October 14, 1968  
by SA

8:15 PM

GEORGE BRAVOS entering the Village Market Drugs,  
401 North La Grange Road, La Grange Park, Illinois. He walked  
directly to the public telephone area in the rear of the drug  
store, dialed a number, and was observed talking on the phone.

8:19 PM

BRAVOS left the telephone area, departed the drug store,  
and entered a late model black vinyl/blue Pontiac sedan bearing  
1968 Illinois license plates, 553 923, which was parked near  
the front of the drug store.

8:22 PM

BRAVOS was last observed driving, alone, in the above  
car north on La Grange Road at Harding Avenue.

The records of the Illinois Secretary of State's Office  
show the above license plate registered to   
 on a 1968  
Pontiac sedan.

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On 10/14/68 at La Grange Park, Illinois File # CG 92-1297

by SA  /HKJ Date dictated 10/17/68

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><b>NICHOLAS BRAVOS, aka;<br/>GEORGE BRAVOS</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>SA</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> | TYPED BY<br><b>mbw</b>                            |
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REFERENCES: Chicago report of SA  dated 10/28/68.  
Chicago letter to Springfield dated 12/24/68.

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LEADSSPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. Through the Secretary of States Office, Corporation Section, furnish all available information concerning the Rath Adams Fuel Company, 1509 West Portland, Chicago, Illinois. Information developed by the Chicago Division indicated NICHOLAS BRAVOS was employed at one time as a sales representative for the Rath Adams Fuel Company.

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| ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                  |      |       |         |            | NONE                                            | ACQUIT-<br>TALS | CASE HAS BEEN:<br><br>PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO<br>PENDING PROSECUTION<br>OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |
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| Dissemination Record of Attached Report                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                  |      |       |         |            | Notations                                       |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Agency                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | CC. AAG, Criminal Division.      |      |       |         |            | NRE<br>STAT. SECT.                              |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to conduct investigation concerning the activities and associates of NICHOLAS and GEORGE BRAVOS.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The extensive period of investigation is noted however, this case has been kept under active investigation and maintained in a current status through inter-office communications.

INFORMANTS

| <u>SOURCE</u>        | <u>DATE CONTACTED</u> | <u>CONTACTING AGENT</u> |
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| CG T-1<br>[REDACTED] | 12/4/8/68             | SA [REDACTED]           |
| CG T-2<br>[REDACTED] | 12/10/68              | SA [REDACTED]           |

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## Copy to:

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## Report of:

SA PETER J. WACKS, JR.

Office: Chicago

## Date:

January 31, 1969

## Field Office File #:

92-1297

Bureau File #: 92-6410

## Title:

NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS

## Character:

ANTI - RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

GEORGE BRAVOS continues to reside at 715 North Pulaski, Chicago, Illinois. NICHOLAS BRAVOS continues to reside at 8831 Kathy Lane, Des Plaines, Illinois. Motion by States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, to revoke GEORGE BRAVOS' bond in local juice matter unsuccessful.

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DETAILS:

Residence

GEORGE BRAVOS continues to reside at 715 North Pulaski, Chicago, Illinois, with his daughter [REDACTED]

NICHOLAS BRAVOS continues to reside at 8831 Kathy Lane, Des Plaines, Illinois.

Associates

GEORGE BRAVOS has been observed frequently during November (beginning 11/20/68) and December, 1968, by FBI Agents in the company of JOE GAGLIANO, WILLIE MESSINO, and CHRIS CARDI at Mary Ann's Pancake Restaurant, 3756 West Chicago, Avenue. ILL

CG T-1 advised on December 10, 1968 that he learned during the evening of December 9, 1968, that the state will try to "pull the bond" on WILLIAM J. MESSINO, GEORGE BRAVOS and JOSEPH LOMBARDI, all of whom were convicted in state court in connection with the kidnaping and aggravated assault perpetrated on the [REDACTED] brothers in 1967. MESSINO was sentenced to 30 years in connection with this matter; and the entire case has been on appeal since the conviction; however, the defense has been almost contemptuous of court instructions regarding this appeal. A hearing was held on December 9, 1968, regarding the appeal and as a result of problems which arose, it was stated that the state would attempt to pull the bond on these people and have them immediately incarcerated on December 10, 1968.

CG T-2 advised in December 1968, that NICK BRAVOS is dying of throat cancer and his demise could come at anytime.

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On December 16, 1968, [redacted] Appeals Section, States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the defense council representing MESSINO, BRAVOS, and LOMBARDI had received another continuance which would afford them additional time to file appeal briefs. A motion by the state to revoke the appeal bonds on all subjects in this matter was revoked.

On January 15, 1969, [redacted] was recontacted but advised that he could furnish no further information regarding the local "juice" matter involving GEORGE BRAVOS.



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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. **CG 92-1297**

**Chicago, Illinois  
January 31, 1969**

Title                   **NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS**

Character               **ANTI - RACKETEERING**

Reference               **is made to report of Special  
Agent PETER J. WACKS, Jr.,  
dated and captioned as above.**

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><b>NICHOLAS BRAVOS, aka;<br/>GEORGE BRAVOS</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><br><b>SA PETER J. WACKS, Jr.</b> | TYPED BY<br><br><b>rmk</b>                    |
|                                                                     |                                    | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>AR</b>                  |                                               |

REFERENCE: Chicago report of SA PETER J. WACKS, Jr., at Chicago, dated 1/31/69.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Inasmuch as two separate cases entitled "GEORGE BRAVOS, ECT, (OO: CHICAGO), CG File 179-24, BuFile 179-185;" and NICHOLAS BRAVOS, aka, ECT, (OO: CHICAGO), CG File 179-72, BuFile 179-224," have been opened, this case is being placed in a P\* status.

It should be noted that this agent was assigned to a considerable amount of non-CIP work during the month of February.

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| ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED <b>NONE</b>                                                                                                        |                                         |      |       |         |            | ACQUIT-TALS                                                | CASE HAS BEEN:<br><br>PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO<br>PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |
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| Dissemination Record of Attached Report                                                                                                    |                                         |      |       |         |            | Notations                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Agency                                                                                                                                     |                                         |      |       |         |            | <b>NINE</b><br><b>STAT. SECT.</b>                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Request Recd.                                                                                                                              | <b>CG, AAG, Criminal Division</b>       |      |       |         |            |                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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(1 - AUSA [redacted])Report of:  
Date:SA PETER J. WACKS, Jr.  
March 26, 1969

Office: Chicago, Illinois

## Field Office File #:

92-1297

Bureau File #: 92-6410

## Title:

NICHOLAS BRAVOS;  
GEORGE BRAVOS

## Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

GEORGE BRAVOS continues to reside at 715 North Pulaski, Chicago, Illinois. NICHOLAS BRAVOS continues to reside at 8831 Kathy Lane, Des Plaines, Illinois. [redacted] Appeals Section, States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, advised all briefs filed in local "juice" case, but no date set for oral argument. Observations set forth.

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DETAILS: AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

The following investigation was conducted by  
IC [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Clerk, Corporation Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised on January 20, 1969, that a check of records failed to reflect any record for Rath Fuel Company.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Residence

GEORGE BRAVOS continues to reside at 715 North Pulaski, Chicago, Illinois, with his daughter [REDACTED]

NICHOLAS BRAVOS continues to reside at 8831 Kathy Lane, Des Plaines, Illinois.

Associates and Observations

[REDACTED] Appeals Section, States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted on January 28, and March 17, 1969. On both occasions, [REDACTED] indicated that all of the necessary briefs had been filed in the local "juice" case involving GEORGE BRAVOS, WILLIAM MESSINO, and JOE LOMBARDI, Jr.; however, no date had been set for oral argument.

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Date February 4, 1969

On January 30, 1969, the following vehicle was observed parked next to the residence of GEORGE BRAVOS, 715 North Pulaski, at or about 11:45 a.m.:

1969 Illinois License 227 189  
observed on a green, 4-door,  
Oldsmobile

On 1/30/69 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 92-1297  
CG 179-24  
by SA PETER J. WACKS, JR.:nlo Date dictated 2/4/69

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Date February 5, 1969

On January 30, 1969, the following observations were made by SA [ ]

At or about 10:40 a.m., a black over blue 1969 Oldsmobile 98 was observed parked in the driveway of [ ] [ ] was observed leaving his house entering this vehicle and driving north on 77th Avenue.

[ ] was followed out to Dominick's Discount House, 10350 Armitage, Melrose Park, at which time he left the vehicle and entered Dominick's at or about 11:00 a.m.

It was observed that the Oldsmobile that [ ] was driving had no Illinois License tags attached thereto; however it did have a sticker from Mars Oldsmobile in the right front window which identified [ ] as the owner of the car. *Chicago #*

At 11:04 a.m. [ ] returned to his car and left the area. This surveillance was discontinued. At approximately the same time, two unidentified individuals, accompanied by GEORGE BRAVOS, also left Dominick's, entered their respective cars, and left the area.

[ ] was observed entering a Chrysler 300 driven by an unidentified individual, bearing 1968 Illinois License AS 7907.

The other unidentified individual entered a late model black over gold Cadillac, bearing 1969 Illinois License FK 1271. The surveillance was discontinued at this time.

On 1/30/69 at Elmwood Park, Illinois and Melrose Park, Illinois File # CG 92-2425 CG 92-1297 CG 179-49 CG 179-24

by SA PETER J. WACKS, JR.: nlo Date dictated 2/4/69

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Mr. Conrad\_\_\_\_\_  
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TO DIRECTOR (92-6410) PLAINTEXT  
FROM CHICAGO (92-1297) 1P

NICHOLAS BRAVOS, AKA. AR. OO: CHICAGO.

AS BUREAU AWARE BRAVOS AND HIS BROTHER, GEORGE, HAVE  
BEEN MOST ACTIVE IN GAMBLING AND JUICE ACTIVITIES IN  
CHICAGO AREA AND CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH LEADERSHIP  
ORGANIZED CRIME IN CHICAGO.

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[REDACTED] - C ADVISED JULY FOURTEEN INSTANT  
THAT NICHOLAS BRAVOS DIED OF CANCER ON JULY THIRTEEN LAST.

INFORMANT STATED THAT BRAVOS' BODY IS AT KRINGAS  
AND MARZULLO FUNERAL HOME, FIVE FOUR HUNDRED W. HARRISON,  
CHICAGO WITH BURIAL SCHEDULED FOR JULY SIXTEEN NEXT.

WAKE AND FUNERAL BEING COVERED THROUGH ESTABLISHED  
SOURCES AND BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOP-  
MENTS.

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><b>CHANGED<br/>GEORGE BRAVOS</b> |                                     | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>PETER J. WACKS, JR.</b> | TYPED BY<br><b>mah</b>                           |
|                                                   |                                     | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>AR</b>           |                                                  |

*P* Title changed to delete NICHOLAS BRAVOS from title, inasmuch as NICHOLAS BRAVOS died from cancer on 7/13/69.

REFERENCES: Chicago report of SA PETER J. WACKS, JR. dated 3/26/69.  
Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 7/14/69.

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| ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED                                                              |                                         |      |             |         |            | ACQUIT-<br>TALS                                                                                          | CASE HAS BEEN:                         |                                                                     |
| CONVIC.                                                                              | AUTO.                                   | FUG. | FINES       | SAVINGS | RECOVERIES |                                                                                                          | PENDING OVER ONE YEAR                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
|                                                                                      |                                         |      | <b>NONE</b> |         |            |                                                                                                          | PENDING PROSECUTION<br>OVER SIX MONTHS | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |
| APPROVED<br><i>[Signature]</i>                                                       |                                         |      |             |         |            | SPECIAL AGENT<br>IN CHARGE                                                                               |                                        |                                                                     |
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| Dissemination Record of Attached Report                                              |                                         |      |             |         |            | Notations                                                                                                |                                        |                                                                     |
| Agency                                                                               | <b>CC. Asst. Criminal Division</b>      |      |             |         |            | <b>STAT. SECT.</b><br><i>[Signature]</i>                                                                 |                                        |                                                                     |
| Request Recd.                                                                        |                                         |      |             |         |            |                                                                                                          |                                        |                                                                     |
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ADMINISTRATIVE

Inasmuch as a separate case entitled "GEORGE BRAVOS, ECT, OO: CHICAGO, CG File 179-24, Bufile 179-185" continues to receive investigative attention, this case is being replaced in a pending inactive status. Chicago case entitled "NICHOLAS BRAVOS, aka, ECT, OO: CHICAGO, CG File 179-72, Bufile 179-224", has been closed.

It should be further noted that information previously reported in the aforementioned cases will not be duplicated in this report.

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Report of: SA PETER J. WACKS, JR.  
Date: 12/2/69

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 92-1297

Bureau File #: 92-1297

Title: GEORGE BRAVOS

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

GEORGE BRAVOS continues to reside at 715 North Pulaski, Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] Appeals Section, States Attorney's Office, Chicago, advised Illinois Supreme Court refused to review local "juice" conviction recently affirmed by Illinois Appellate Court and motion to revoke subject's bonds would be made shortly. NICHOLAS BRAVOS died of cancer 7/13/69. Body laid out Kringas and Marzullo Funeral Home, Chicago. BRAVOS buried 7/16/69. Funeral covered by Chicago Police Department Intelligence Unit. Results set forth in details.

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DETAILS:

Residence

GEORGE BRAVOS continues to reside at 715 North Pulaski, Chicago, Illinois, with his daughter [redacted]

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Activities

[redacted] Appeals Sections, States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted on November 26, 1969. [redacted] advised that the Illinois Supreme Court had refused to review the local "juice" case involving GEORGE BRAVOS, WILLIAM MESSINO and JOE LOMBARDI, JR. The defense attorneys subsequently made a motion to stay the "Mandate of Affirmance" until such time as the United States Supreme Court heard the case. This would allow the defendants to remain out of jail on appeal bond. [redacted] indicated that a motion to revoke the appeal bonds on all of the subjects in the local juice case would be made notwithstanding an adverse ruling out the defendants motion.

NICHOLAS BRAVOS died of cancer on July 13, 1969, and was subsequently laid out at the Kringas and Marzullo Funeral Home, 5400 West Harrison Street, Chicago, Illinois, with burial taking place on July 16, 1969.

On November 20, 1969, Sergeant [redacted] Chicago Police Department, Intelligence Unit, furnished a copy of the investigative results at the BRAVOS wake and burial. Copies of this report have been placed in the appropriate Chicago files. Observed at the wake and burial were the following underworld figures:

WILLIAM MESSINO  
JOSEPH GAGLIANO  
CHRIS CARDI  
JASPER CAMPISE  
CHARLES ENGLISH  
CHARLES NICOLETTI  
[redacted]  
PAUL RICCA

GEORGE DICKS  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
JOHN DI BIASE  
FELIX ALDERISIO  
ANTHONY ACCARDO  
[redacted]

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| REPORTING OFFICE<br><b>CHICAGO</b>    | OFFICE OF ORIGIN<br><b>CHICAGO</b> | DATE<br><b>7/6/70</b>                           | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD<br><b>12/2/69 - 6/23/70</b> |
| TITLE OF CASE<br><b>GEORGE BRAVOS</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>SA PETER J. WACKS, JR.</b> | TYPED BY<br><b>slw</b>                           |
|                                       |                                    | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>AR</b>              |                                                  |

REFERENCES: Chicago report of SA PETER J. WACKS, JR.  
dated 12/2/69.  
Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 2/25/70.

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This case is being placed in a closed status  
due to the subject's current incarceration at the Illinois  
State Penitentiary, Stateville Branch, Joliet, Illinois.

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| ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED                                                                                              |       |      |       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE | ACQUIT-<br>TALS            | CASE HAS BEEN:<br><br>PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO<br>PENDING PROSECUTION<br>OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |            |
| CONV. C.                                                                                                             | AUTO. | FUG. | FINES | SAVINGS                                  |                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | RECOVERIES |
| APPROVED <i>Bvrl</i>                                                                                                 |       |      |       |                                          | SPECIAL AGENT<br>IN CHARGE | DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW                                                                                                                                                                                                  |            |
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| Dissemination Record of Attached Report                                                                              |       |      |       |                                          | Notations                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |            |
| Agency                                                                                                               |       |      |       |                                          |                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |            |
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago  
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Chicago Field Office

Report of: [REDACTED]  
Date: SA PETER J. WACKS, JR.  
7/6/70

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 92-1297

Bureau File #: 92-6410

Title: GEORGE BRAVOS

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject's bond revoked subsequent to refusal by the U. S. Supreme Court to review local "juice" conviction. Subject arrested 2/24/70, by States Attorneys Police and transferred on 2/25/70, to Illinois State Penitentiary (ISP), Stateville Branch, Joliet, Illinois, from Cook County Jail. Records at Cook County Jail and ISP, Stateville, set forth in details.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

On January 4, 1970, [REDACTED] Appeals Section, States Attorney's Office, Cook County, Illinois, advised that the Appellate briefs in the local "juice" conviction had been filed by all of the defendants, as well as by the States Attorney's Office and were being considered by the United States Supreme Court (USSC).

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On February 25, 1970, [ ] advised that the USSC had refused to review the local "juice convictions on all of the defendants (i.e. JOSEPH LOMBARDI, JR., WILLIAM MESSINO and GEORGE BRAVOS), and that the defendants' appeal bonds had been revoked. He further advised that all the defendants were in custody after having given themselves up to authorities at the Elmwood Park Police Department, Elmwood Park, Illinois, and subsequently turned over to the States Attorneys Police.

BRAVOS was incarcerated in the Cook County Jail pending his transfer on February 27, 1970, to the Illinois State Penitentiary, Stateville Branch, Joliet, Illinois.

[ ] Identification Section, Cook County Jail, furnished the following information on May 7, 1970, regarding the captioned subject.

BRAVOS was received at the Cook County Jail on February 25, 1970, following the revocation of bond in local juice conviction.

The following descriptive data was obtained from the county records:

|                 |                                  |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Name:           | GEORGE BRAVOS                    |
| Sex:            | Male                             |
| Race:           | White                            |
| Date of birth:  | March 4, 1911                    |
| Place of birth: | Chicago, Illinois                |
| Age:            | 59                               |
| Height:         | 5'8"                             |
| Weight:         | 215 pounds                       |
| Hair:           | Grey                             |
| Eyes:           | Brown                            |
| Education:      | Austin High School<br>four years |
| Religion:       | Greek Orthodox                   |
| Next of kin:    | [ ]                              |

Telephone [ ]

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C.C.J.I.D. Number: 7002275

[redacted] Clerk, Records Office,  
Illinois State Penitentiary (ISP), Stateville Branch,  
Joliet, Illinois, made available inmate file jacket  
number 67633 relating to GEORGE BRAVOS. A review of  
this file revealed the following information:

BRAVOS was received at the ISP from Cook  
County authorities on February 27, 1970, to serve  
four concurrent sentenced of 1 - ten years and 5 - 20  
years for two counts of aggravated kidnapping and two  
counts of aggravated battery.

Approved Visitors and Correspondents:

[redacted]

Age 54,  
Employed by A-1 Linen,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Age 36 (divorced)  
Employed as a bookkeeper for  
Service Laundry.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Age 31,  
Employed as a truck driver,  
Milwaukee Road Transportation Company;

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[REDACTED]  
LaGrange, Illinois;

[REDACTED]  
Address unknown  
Age 25;

[REDACTED]  
Address unknown  
Age 18.

Descriptive Data:

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Sex:               | Male                |
| Race:              | White               |
| Date of birth:     | March 4, 1911       |
| Place of birth:    | Chicago, Illinois   |
| Height:            | 5'8"                |
| Weight:            | 220 pounds          |
| Eyes:              | Brown               |
| Hair:              | Black, greying      |
| Occupation:        | Clerk, salesman     |
| Parents:           | both deceased       |
| Married in 1931 at | Waukegan, Illinois, |
| Divorced in 1943,  |                     |
| Education:         | 12 years            |



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois  
July 6, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. CG 92-1297

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|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Title     | GEORGE BRAVOS                                                                   |
| Character | ANTIRACKETEERING                                                                |
| Reference | Report of Special Agent<br>PETER J. WACKS, JR. dated<br>and captioned as above. |

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.